

# April Pastoral Council Minutes (4/7/2022)

**Members Present** - Father Dan, Lorie Kluemke, Corey Toennies, Emily Masching, Alexis Voyles, David Weiss, Jim Millard, Angie Kohlbrecher, Megan Holtmann

**Member Absent** - Deacon Steve, Diane Maue

Opening Prayer was said by Angie Kohlbrecher

## Old Business

The minutes were approved from 3/2/2022. First by Emily Masching and seconded by Jim Millard. All were in favor.

**Church Handicap Ramp** - Father Dan will report more next month. They are looking at contracts.

**St Francis of Assisi Cemetery** - The Knights of Columbus is waiting for dryer weather to start the projects. Trees will be planted on the far side of the field. A future project includes marking an area in the front of the cemetery recognizing infant deaths prior to the current markings and gravestones of the cemetery.

**Unsung Hero** - Continue to discuss candidates and encourage parishioners to submit names through our parish website.

## New Business

**Vocation Ministry Report** - May 8th is the National World Day of Prayer. Ken Haselhorst has bulletin inserts and will talk prior to Mass that weekend. Father Dan also has inserts.

**Deacon Steve Report** - absent due to back surgery

**Pastor's Report** - 29 Extraordinary Ministers were trained. We continue to train individuals for the support areas of the Mass (servers, lectors, ushers). It will take time to rebuild these important ministries. The church custodian has resigned and a new job opening is posted in the bulletin.

**Ideas for getting people to return to church** - The Pastoral Council made a motion and approved a motion to dismiss the idea of doing Children's envelopes at this time. It may be revisited in the future once people start coming back to church and are active in their church community again. Possible fellowship opportunities were discussed (Catholicism on Tap, Time & Talent, Yesterday's Kids, Monthly Book Discussions, Something geared to engage the 20 something and 30 something crowd, quarterly newsletter). The Pastoral Council is going to look more closely at the next meeting and really think about the needs of our Parish Family. We will begin discussing 1 or 2 of these more in-depth at the May meeting.

**CYM** - Lynn Huegen is stepping down from the CYM moderator as of June 3. They are currently looking for a new leader. No one has stepped forward yet.

**Other New Business** - We continued to discuss the 4:00 Saturday Mass. We will continue to look at the attendance data between the 7:30 Mass precovid and the 4:00 Mass. This will continue to be a periodic topic of discussion as we navigate the future with retiring priests in our community and the shortage of priests to have Mass in various towns/Parishes.

**Good of the Order** - Nothing was brought up.

Next Meeting: May 5, 2022, 7:00 Rectory Basement  
Closing Prayer this meeting: Davis Weiss.

