

MBS Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

Thur. April 3, 2025

St. Peter's – McKeough Hall

1) Call to Order at 6:31 PM

2) Opening Prayer:

3) Roll Call

A. Present: Mark Nielsen, Jan Grable, Fr. Jerry Pastors, Nancy Miller, Gabriel Laiacono, Mary Johnson, Lisa Dorschner, Mary Otto, Doug Lauer, Dave Lelinski

4) Adopt Agenda

A. Mark moved, Dan seconded and was adopted unanimously.

5) Approval of Jan 2nd Minutes

A. Mark moved, Jan seconded and was adopted unanimously.

6) Parish Goals: Doubling the number of Missionary Disciples and fostering 1 seminarian

- a) Disciple Survey: Fr. Jerrys received 284 responses. MBS currently has 248 disciples and 124 missionary disciples.
- b) Fr. Jerry asked for ideas on how to increase the number of people going to confession. Ideas from the PPC:
 - i) Gabe – the discipleship team questions how to interpret questions 9&10. Perhaps specify what is meant by 'frequently'.
 - ii) Dan – catechize, explain indulgences, explain requirements
 - iii) Lisa – focus on God's grace restored
 - iv) Jan – some elderly people have said they just tell their sins to God directly and don't need to tell a priest
 - v) Nancy – testimonials on the healing, what it is to repent
 - vi) Mark – catechize why it's important, it's talking to God through the priest,
 - vii) Dave – remind people that screens are available
 - viii) Mary J – okay to tell the number and kind of sins, it's not a therapy session

7) Filling Vacancies on the Council

- A. Open Vacancies: Liturgy & Encounter, At Large. Mark N is finishing his term on PPC
- B. Term is July 1 – June 30.
- C. Fr. Jerry will announce vacancies at masses and PPC members will give a brief talk. April 26-27 and May 3-4. Schedule:

A.) 4/26	400 pm	Lisa
B.) 4/27	1030	Dave L
C.) 4/27	830	Mark N
D.) 5/03	400pm	Lisa
E.) 5/04	830	Mark N
F.) 5/04	1030	Doug L
G.) 5/04	1230pm	Gabe

- D. Discernment period will occur during May.

8) **Team Reports**

- A. Liturgy and Encounter – report is attached.
- B. Discipleship – Gabe reported team reviewed religious ed. year groups – high school group will need a lesson plan and a leader (need Virtus training).
- C. Evangelization – Doug provided detail - report is attached.
- D. Outreach – Lisa – no report due to meeting being moved
- E. Relationship – Mary O to put on reception for Holy Saturday Vigil
- F. Communication – Mark N reports meeting is next week, will discuss bulletin, how to increase distribution, need for more advertisers.
- G. Vocations Ministry – on hold - no report. K of C is selling raffle tickets at mass.
- H. Prayer Ministry – no report – Nancy meeting w/ prayer team and Evan next week
- I. Safety & Security – Mark reported Angela G is working on binders

- 9) **Hispanic Ministry** – Fr Jerry reported this is still in progress- Sr Catherine & Fr Ben met w/ diocese.

10) **Closing prayer**

11) **Adjournment – 7:57 P.M.**

- A. Dave moved, Mark seconded, and was adopted unanimously

12) Next meeting: Thur. May 1st, 6:30PM, McKeough Hall

Liturgy & Encounter Team

Maria Grygleski – Director of Liturgy & Encounter

Meeting: March 13, 2025 (Bart Pritzl, Nancy Miller, Doug Lauer, Mary Otto, & Maria present)

Members: Mary Otto
Bart Pritzl
Nancy Miller
Doug Lauer

Goals:

1. To increase knowledge of the Mass in order to deepen love of God.

What are you working on? Overview or don't go into detail.

Completed reading and discussing relevant parts of *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* by Edward Sri in order to contribute to catechesis points during Mass that Fr Jerry offered at Masses during Lent.

What would you like us to discuss at the PPC meeting?

The need to discern a new Liturgy & Encounter PPC representative.

1) Prayer

a. Vizio Divina

2) Parish Discipleship Survey Data

a. First take-aways for the Evangelization team:

- i. A large number of self-identified disciples of Jesus: 236/284
 1. One expectation we had was that the people most likely to complete the survey would be those who consider themselves disciples of Jesus, so this is unsurprising as far as that goes.
 2. What is surprising is the total number of respondents that matches that expectation.
- ii. Of those disciples, many are not actually working on the mission – one focus for the Discipleship team will be formation to help them, but things we can think about are ways to help parishioners get their toes wet with evangelization, so they can become more comfortable.
 1. Could advertise the mission teams at Mass
 2. Could offer opportunities to get toes wet
 - a. The Market
 - b. The Pantry
 - c. Others?
 - d. Start in the Domestic Church
 - e. Witnesses
 - f. Small Groups
 - g. OCIA

3) Farmer's Market Planning:

a. Calendar:

i. 14 June – Dad Joke Day

1. Social Media Option: Bring out your Dads! Most Blessed Sacrament challenges all fathers in the Oshkosh area to a Father's Day weekend dad joke competition at the Farmer's Market! Bring your best joke and try to crack up our panel of dad judges for a prize!

ii. 28 June – Parable of the Sower

1. Need to prepare this one, different from those we did last year. Invitation to families to let kids decorate a pot – specifically with an image or words from the Parable.
 - a. Pots: https://www.orientaltrading.com/3-3-4-white-diy-plastic-flower-pots-with-paper-insert-12-pc--a2-57_9105.fltr?keyword=kids+pots+sower

- b. Seeds: Do we do wheat, as it's the most Gospel image, or more of a flower?
- c. Dirt: Do we have potting soil on hand to let them plant right then and there?
- d. Ziplocs: Let's protect mom's car from mess.

2. Social Media:

iii. 12 July - Parable of the Yeast

- 1. Social Media option:
- 2. Need to set up so that people can actually proof the yeast this year, rather than just get given way too much flour in a bag.

iv. 26 July - (EAA) Hot Sauce Eating Contest

- 1. Social Media option: Things are heating up at the MBS Farmer's Market booth! Our very own Josh Rawlings leads this year's Hot Sauce eating contest, with every level from mild to murder. Think you've got what it takes to try them all? You'll remember your mortality with every bite! \$5 to enter, all proceeds go to support children's burn victims and charity water!

v. 9 August – Fishing Game

- 1. Social Media option:

vi. 23 August – Target Shooting

- 1. Social Media option: Step right up, step right up! Hit the target and win the prize!

vii. 6 September – Car Care Packages

- 1. Social Media option: As it gets colder, sometimes we see those less fortunate out on the street, with nowhere to go. We'll have supplies for 50 car care packages at the MBS booth for you to use creating a care package for those in need. Keep it in your car for when you next see someone in need.

viii. 20 September – 2nd Annual Egg Roll Crawl

- 1. Social Media option: Join us for our second annual Oshkosh Farmer's Market Eggroll crawl. Your votes determine the winner!

ix. 4 October – Build a Cathedral – St Francis

- 1. Social Media option 1: Bring your pet to the Market for a blessing.
- 2. Social Media option 2: Come rebuild the church like St. Francis of Assisi, with film clip of his call.

x. 25 October – Trick or Treat the Market

1. Social Media option:

- a. First 100(?) trick or treaters to complete our social media challenge (X) get a giant candy bar?

xi. Back Up Options:

1. Parable of the Mustard Seed

- a. Materials are already prepped from last year.

2. Area Priest AMA

- a. Do a live AMA of the priests of Oshkosh and the surrounding region from 8-12.

4) Evangelization Opportunities

a. Street Evangelization training

i. Recap: how did it go?

1. Really good

- a. On a script, but enthusiastic and comfortable.
- b. Guy seemed a bit travel worn.

2. Good information

a. Top take away: Josh – connect to people

- i. Ask questions, “tell me why?”
- ii. Be involved, listen to them, be personable.
- iii. Be patient.
- iv. No scripted answers for people.

b. Top take away: Doug – Let the Holy Spirit lead the way

- i. Don’t be so ready to jump in and preach.
- ii. Listen and let the HS help you respond.
- iii. Work in pairs, don’t work alone.
- iv. Have breath mints or mouthwash.
- v. Don’t get defensive.

b. Parish Evangelization training

i. Workshop vs Course?

- 1. People are probably much more likely to commit to a single workshop, rather than an extended course.

2. Could have a couple workshops, that we offer in pairs

- a. Top three topics from last year’s Evangelization course for the workshops?

- i. Overall manner – accompaniment, active listening, validation.

b. Know the Holy Spirit (Lvl 1)

- c. Know the Enemy (Lvl 2?)
 - d. Know the Story (Lvl 1)
 - e. Know the Word (Lvl 2?)
 - f. Know the Techniques (Lvl 1?)
 - g. Know your Community (Lvl 2?)
- c. Last year, we looked at on-ramps from the Market as one-off community events. But we also talked about hosting an Alpha or similar series in conjunction with our dates in the Market.
 - i. The one-off events were not successful at drawing in people from the market
 - ii. This year, we will focus on a great market experience and invite people to things we are already having at the parish – like Encounter, and St. Mary tours.
 - 1. While doing that, we will work on building a bigger team to help with the Market, and some prayer and hospitality teams to help with next year's goal:
 - 2. Next year, we will aim to do a consistent series of on-ramp events on the day of the market including:
 - a. Lunch
 - b. Prayer
 - c. Discussion
 - d. Video content options: Which one do we want?
 - i. Alpha
 - ii. The Search
 - iii. The Rescue Project
 - iv. The Chosen
 - iii. Teams we would need:
 - 1. Hospitality team
 - 2. Childcare team (maybe not if we do the Chosen, kids can watch too and have their own discussion groups)
 - 3. Prayer team
 - 4. Small group leaders
 - 5. Market team
- d. WIT/WIN
 - i. Laurie wants to talk with us about ways to help the Outreach ministry to WIT/WIN in this building to be more evangelistic.
 - 1. Brainstorming:

- a. Evangelistic art that influences those who enter the spaces.
 - b. Opportunity for OCIA catechumens and candidates, teens, young adults, etc. to do service and encounter Jesus in the poor.
 - i. Set hours on Saturdays or similar when open for the community.
 - c. Attach a prayer space for prayer breaks or prayer support for the pantry.
 - d. Invite people from the market to:
 - i. Contribute
 - ii. To come work the pantry
 - 2. Date to meet with Outreach?
 - a. April 8
 - b. April 10
- 5) Farmer's Market
- a. Taller signage advertising events
 - i. Signage could also advertise ways to donate for Peter's Pantry.
 - b. Music in the Market
 - c. Communications Strategy once we have set dates.
- 6) Close in Prayer

