

Divine Savior Mission

We the people of Divine Savior Catholic Church, empowered by our baptism, dedicate ourselves to living the Gospel of Jesus. Inspired by the love, justice and mercy of Christ, we are called to share His message in service so that all may know the Savior.

PPC Mission:

To play a consultative role in advising the pastor, staff and the parish community.

Attendees:

Fr. Roman, Fr. Marcel, Kellyann Allio, Andrea Boyd, Joni Borbón, Denise Hackett, Laini Harris, Tom Jones, Julie Malmberg, Mary Ann Mitchell, Sue O'Donnell, John Valentine, Michael Welsh.

Absent: Steven Boyd, Joseph Ames, James Moore

Opening Prayer and Gospel; Reflection:

Fr. Roman gave an opening reading and discussed the reading (Isaiah 50:4-7). PPC members reflected on the passage Fr. Roman then gave the opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the February 25, 2021 meeting were approved.

Parish Update:

COVID – Not many changes. Continue 150 limitation inside. Continue with masks and social distancing. We will try to get some of the ministries going again, e.g. community meal in an alternate mode such as the soup distribution. Also St. Vincent de Paul is looking at getting active again. Fr. Marcel and Fr. Roman are conducting personal reconciliations with our children. Children and youth made over 200 care packages for seniors in facilities.

Marriage Prep – We are looking for volunteers to be on our marriage prep team.

Baptism – This has been streamlined and is a very positive process. We need volunteers to walk with these families through the process and check in with them after.

Easter – Musicians (instruments and singers) will be part of each Easter Mass. Steven and Sharon Boyd will be doing the 6:30 a.m. Mass.

Welcome Back Parishioners effort – Earlier this week, James sent a link for a webinar on a coordinated event to bring parishioners back to church. We have engaged The Prenger Solutions Group and signed a contract, but as we are looking at the materials, we note that it isn't as customized as we had hoped. We need to review the service and make a determination on whether or not to continue with the contract which is implemented on a quarterly basis. Denise will send the link for others to view the webinar and to get feedback.

Ushers – We are looking for new volunteers to be ushers. Let Kathleen know.

Discernment for New PPC Members

Three positions to fill – John, Tom, Kellyann will be leaving at the end of this term. We are creating the timeline. Each PPC member should be thinking about parishioners that would be

great additions to the PPC. We are looking at May 15/16 Masses as when current PPC members talk about their experience.

Need volunteers for Pulpit announcement – Please let Denise know if you are willing to be a speaker. Keep in mind our objectives – stewardship, welcome back, welcoming efforts. Mary Ann volunteered for the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Ministry Update:

Stewardship Committee (Mary Ann Mitchell)

The Stewardship Committee met on March 1 and 15, 2021 via Zoom.

1. The team continued to work on a Stewardship PowerPoint that will be shared with the Priests, staff and ministry leaders.
2. The team reviewed many Stewardship messages that were contributed by the members. The team believes that through Stewardship, we will empower people to share their faith. Selected messages will be incorporated into the PowerPoint.
3. The team reviewed the proposed Stewardship meetings spreadsheet. Approximately 20 meetings will be held with staff and ministry leaders. It is planned that two Stewardship members will lead each of the meetings.
 - a. April 20 – Meet with Priests and staff
 - b. April 22 – Meeting with PPC
4. Action items.
 - a. Next meeting is April 5, 2021
 - b. The draft PowerPoint will be emailed to the members on March 29. The members will provide feedback before the April 5 meeting
 - c. At the next meeting, the team will review the draft PowerPoint and finalize the presentation.
 - d. All members were invited to a Hospitality webinar on March 29, 2021. This is one of the four pillars on Stewardship.

Emergency Preparedness Update (Sue O'Donnell)

The draft Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) is complete and will be reviewed by staff and other designated reviewers. Denise/Katie will send out the draft for review. Comments on the draft are due back by April 9.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Ministry (Joni Borbón)

We have continued to have bilingual mass on Sundays at 1:00 PM. There are 12-13 new volunteers (an example of stewardship) that contribute to help with the mass. Elaine Bauer and Jen Shaver have been supportive throughout and along with Father Roman have made it the success it is. This mass is for many people who have not been able to go to mass at their own parish or live nearby and walk over. There is music in Spanish and several of the volunteers have signed on as ushers, lectors, greeters and Eucharist Ministers! Mass will continue until Communion Weekend, April 24 and 25. We have plans for a bilingual mass on Holy Thursday

and we will re-evaluate what will happen after that. We will be participating in the outdoor Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.

Filipino Ministry (Joni Borbón)

We had a conversation with Priscilla Gonzales and she has responded and recruited some members to join OLG in coordinating Stations of the Cross tomorrow, which will be in English, Spanish and Tagalog. It will be from the viewpoint of parents, grandparents and Godparents. They are making plans for future event as well. They will be participating in the outdoor Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.

The Council is continuing to find additional areas to expand our Knights to the Rescue (KTTR) activities. We have been asked to help a Council Widow with an upcoming local relocation on March 20th. Knights to the Rescue will personally deliver an Easter gift to each of the nineteen widows of deceased Knights on April 3; and during the delivery we will see if there's anything we can do to help her - - her needs, general situation, and anything she might need our help with in the future.

Our 12th Annual Charity Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday, May 10th. Unfortunately, in light of the pandemic this year's Stand Down Event has been cancelled. The Stand Down organizers are hoping to host a mini 1 day event sometime in Oct. 2021.

The results of our first Virtual Blood Drive in January are in and we had 6 donation. We have 29 total for this contract and if we can get to 50 we will get a \$500 donation We will have virtual blood drives every 3 months with the next one starting April, then again in July and October.

Giving Garden (Joni Borbón)

The Giving Garden committee is having a plant sale on April 17th from 1-3 in the back lot. Information will be in the bulletin. Mid-April is a plant donation event. They need helpers to garden. They like to pair new volunteers with existing volunteers. Joni has been designated as the PPC liaison to the Giving Garden.

Strategic Initiative-Campus Development:

Ed Pucci has agreed to take over this team. First objective is research on safety measures for the campus. This will include outdoor lighting. They will also do a reserves study to help the Finance Council with planning campus improvements.

Strategic Initiative-Social Justice:

The team that is doing just faith ministries includes lots of small faith groups studying the Pope's encyclical, two groups on racism, one on how to be an antiracist. Caroline and Denise met with Sr. Sheila and Joyce Daniels. Joyce is working on keeping all of these efforts moving along. We plan to create a new ministry for this.

Strategic Initiative-Welcoming:

1. There was no Welcome committee meeting this month.
2. The new online Welcome system is working very well. The process is below.
 - PROCESS for welcoming new parishioners:
 - Callers to the parish (or referrals from other parishioners) are directed to the website.
 - At the website there is a “Join us” tab and a “Welcome” section on the main page. From these areas, there are links to “get to know us” and “I’m ready to join.”
 - Mary Ann Mitchell receives both inquiry forms via email and calls to welcome each future parishioner.
 - Once she has either reached the person or has given up trying, she emails Kathleen, Denise and Caroline with information about the call that will be helpful to the parishioner and the parish.
 - Caroline – determines if a ministry leader(s) needs to follow up with this person based on Mary Ann’s call.
 - Kathleen -
 - enters information into servant keeper
 - sends welcome letter
 - tracks on spreadsheet - last name, date of inquiry form or enrollment form, date of Mary Ann's callback, date that welcome letter is sent.
 - (post-COVID) Welcome Gathering once a month for new people.
3. Some members attended the March 17, 2021, Webinar presented by the Catholic Foundation and Nic Prenger, CEO of Prenger Solutions Group. The subject was “Bringing Back People to Church.”

Future Action Items:

1. TBD – April meeting. Mary Ann will schedule it after Easter.
2. Welcome Gathering development
3. Return to church socials of various kinds

Strategic Initiative-Social Activities:

Looking at all the possibilities associated with the “welcome back” efforts. The K of C golf tournament is the next activity that includes social activities.

Upcoming Events

- Holy Week events/Masses – check the bulletin
- Stations of the Cross – the PPC is represented by Laini (reader) and Sue (Cross holder).
- PPC Convocation – April 17th via Zoom 10:00 a.m. to noon.

Closing Prayer:

Fr. Marcel led the closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Our next meeting will be April 22nd, 2021 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.