

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 collaborative, supportive, consultative and co-responsible role in service to the pastor, staff and the parish community.

Attendees:

Fr. Octavio, Fr. Patric, Jen Yearwood, Jan Bencken (Vice-Chair), Bob Healy, Lynn Johnson, Paul Landry, Julie Malmberg, Mary Ann Mitchell (Chair), Sue O'Donnell (Secretary), Bill Smith, Nia Welsh, Scot Yearwood

Absent: Kathy Bauer, Joni Borbón, Andie Thesell

Opening Prayer:

Jen Yearwood led the opening prayer and reflection which focused on spring.

Minutes

Minutes of March 23, 2023 were approved as amended.

Community Life Commission Updates

Our Lady of Guadalupe: Over the past few weeks, Our Lady of Guadalupe Society members sponsored one of the Lenten Stations and Soup nights as well as one of the stations during the evening Good Friday service. They are working through the process of setting up a display in the Marian niche in the church for the month of May (Mary's Month) with a focus on the patroness of Cuba, Our Lady of Charity (La Caridad del Cobre). This has been confirmed.

Welcome / Outreach Committee: The committee met on March 22, 2023. The committee has trained four additional people to do the welcoming calls to new parishioners. There is a schedule for the year on who will respond to the inquiries. Cards for seniors is in full swing. Easter cards were sent to our senior silver bell participants and birthday cards are also being sent. There will be summer, fall and Christmas cards mailed too. The committee also sponsored one of the stations on Good Friday. The committee is partnering with the Knights of Columbus for Mother's Day weekend. May 13-14. Cookies will be brought to the church by the committee and the Knights will hand them out after each Mass. Next meeting is May 24, 2023.

Tai Chi Chih: The class waxes and wanes. There are three "regulars" who always come, plus up to three more. They have had an inquiry for another who would like to join. Everyone is welcome to join. They need access to some furniture. They need at least two chairs (three would be better) and a table. They use the table for the sign in book plus any other information.

In addition, they set up an iPad to include one or two people who join on Zoom. It would be good if this was set up for them each week.

Knights of Columbus: The KOC are very supportive of the parish and our parishioners. They provided a breakfast for dinner at the community meal, and it was a hit. We heard nothing but outstanding complements.

Campus Development Commission Updates

The fencing project has been completed and has effectively acted as a deterrent to vandalism and overnight visitors. Parishioners are getting used to the fence open/close schedule. The fountain project is completed and it was blessed at all Masses on the 4/22-23 weekend. Carpet replacement and painting projects have been completed. The signage project (to put a large directional map on our campus identifying all building locations) is waiting for the final manufacture of the sign. The issues related to the proposed Blossom Ridge development have been presented to Supervisor Sue Frost and a meeting with her is pending.

Social Justice Commission

Bridges: We had several events in the past quarter including Mindful Meditation & Movement and assisting with the Unity Walk, the Social Justice Stations of the Cross during Lent, and sponsoring of one Station of the Cross on Good Friday. We haven't had a meeting or event since the March 1 "Barts and Jenny" meeting with both the Bartimaeus and Building Bridges groups together to mainly discuss and reflect on the Bishop's directive on Jenny. The Easter season commitments get in the way of any extra activities. We plan to get together soon, though. Otherwise, everything is great with the support from PPC.

SVDP: SVDP is doing quite well at this time. We have changed our meeting to the 2nd Monday of the month at 2:00 PM to accommodate some returning senior members. We are returning to the Home Visit policy. As usual, our largest expense is rent and utilities, many have fallen months behind to SMUD or PG&E. We continue to maintain office contact with many homeless and encourage their participation in the three community meals offered. Membership is involved in other ministries, including Community Meal, which enables us to reach out to more. At this time, we have discontinued food and clothing distribution; the two food lockers in Orangevale provide more food than we were able and handle distribution in a better manner. The 7th Day Adventist and the Underground Clothing Connection process clothing distribution better and reach more people. The Society continues to serve the poor and needy in Orangevale. We're returning to bulletin announcements regarding our monthly meeting in hopes of recruiting new members.

Laundry Love: In December 2022, we started a program called Dexter Pay. This is an app that uses Bluetooth to tell a washer and a dryer to work and allows using credit/debit cards or Promotional Codes for payment. We want to provide this service for our guests that cannot make our second Saturday of the month events. The owners of the laundromat asked us to stop

using Club Cards. LLCH has been testing using a Promotional Code for washing and another for drying. The code will bill LLCH, not the laundromat or the guest. In December we did \$400 in laundry. And since that month, our business has exceeded our point of being able to sustain this program for the entire month. Counting our second Saturday laundry, we paid out around \$2,400 in laundry for April. We have cut the program back and will assess our changes at the end of April. We have done a few things to address taking advantage of the program. The laundromat owners have been working with us. But, overall, we are happy with our service, our support from individual donors, awarded grants, and support from three local churches. We are blessed in many ways, and we will figure out Dexter Pay so it works for those in need.

Bartimaeus: There is a new Just Faith series that focuses on respecting the planet. There were sign ups available in the vestibule last weekend at church. We should also be starting "Difficult Conversations About Race" in the next few months. Many of us in Barts are part of the seven principles of Catholic Social Justice series now being displayed in the vestibule, on screen and during Mass.

Loaves & Fishes: We volunteer once a month helping serve meals at their location. Years ago, we had seven to ten D.S. members. Now, two of us fit in with other volunteers and we enjoy this ministry.

Prayer Shawl: The Prayer Shawl Ministry is continuing to make the pocket Prayer Shawls which are available to everyone in the church vestibule as well as regular prayer shawls, which are given to those who are ill or have recently lost a loved one.

Community Meal: April 27, 2023, the Community Meal Ministry is celebrating their 6 year Anniversary of service. To date they have provided 167 meals, served 14,000 guests, 27,000 plates, and have over 150 volunteers. They continue to partner with two other churches in the area, Redeemer Covenant and First Baptist Church. Together the three churches provide one meal a week, on a different day. The Orangevale Food Bank has been providing meat, pasta and rice for the meals. The Giving Garden has recently provided lettuce for the meals and has been working with the cooks to grow items for future menus. There has been an average of 80 guests per night lately, but they expect the numbers to go up.

PPC discernment

- a. Pulpit announcements May 7 weekend. Lynn will do the 8:00, Bob will do the 9:30; Mary Ann will do the 4:30; Joni will do the Spanish Mass; Paul will do 11:30. Jen will send out the script for the presentation. Jen noted that information was sent to all ministries asking them to identify potential candidates.
- b. Discernment meeting 1 – First meeting with potential members – May 31 evening. All members are encouraged to attend this informational meeting, but it's not required. Many members committed to attend.

- c. Discernment meeting/interviews - June 7 at 6:00 for PPC prep and at 6:30 pm for the candidates. Again, all PPC members are strongly encouraged to attend.
- d. Jan reported on the suggestion box. She reviewed the various subjects covered in suggestions received. She noted that some suggestions were negative, but we expect that.

PPC vacancy – Member for remainder of term which ends June 2025

Bill Smith has been selected to fill the vacant position.

Parish events

1. PPC Vestibule Presence – Jen will send sign-up link.
2. Jen discussed the activities and materials related to the seven principles of Catholic Social Justice. A few times during the series, other events line up with the principle, e.g., Earth Day lined up with the principle on caring for our environment.
3. Laini is starting a new ministry for single, divorced and widowed parishioners. First meeting is May 9 (two sessions, one in the morning and one in the evening).

Pending items:

1. Bulletin Update: Katie gathered the information we were looking for – within the diocese all parishes have a bulletin. We can access the same resource as all parishes. Two choices: (a) cover is color, inside black/white; or (b) cover and inside is color. Katie is in discussion with the individual who is providing the funding for the bulletin. We need to develop a method for getting input from parishioners on what they want to see in a bulletin. Jen noted that we will put together a survey on what is the best way to communicate with parishioners. One suggestion regarding color on the bulletin is to purchase a color copier. It is recognized that a cost-benefit analysis would need to be done before any serious consideration of purchasing a color copier.
2. Eucharistic Revival. Jen reported on the diocese direction. Each parish needs to identify a person who will be the liaison from the parish to the diocese. Mary Ann created a chart of the ideas from the diocese, but no specifics were provided by the diocese. We will use our creativity to design our approach for this.

Eucharistic Revival Ideas From the Diocese			
	Action	Responsibility	Date
1	Encourage small group listening session on the Eucharist	Staff and PPC	Spring 2023
2	Celebrate a 40 hours of devotion during Lent or Easter	Parish	Easter 2024
3	Provide intentional Catechesis of the Eucharist for Staff & Ministry Leaders and all catechetical programs.	Parish	2023-2024 yr.

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4	Encourage to organize a parish Eucharistic process and a parish day of service as celebration of Corpus Christi	Parish	June 2024 and if possible June 2023
5	Encourage parishioners to participate in Eucharistic Revival Deanery and Diocesan activities	Parish	
6	Designate a contact person for the Eucharistic Revival	Parish	
7	Diocesan wide activities - Diocesan Eucharistic Congress	Diocese	March 2024

Action items:

1. If you are going to be a speaker to talk about your experience on the PPC, calendar the mass where you are speaking.
2. Jan will send summary of suggestions to Jen for inclusion in bulletin.
3. Jen will send link for vestibule presence scheduling. Even if you aren't scheduled, feel free to be a greeter addition.
4. Bob will do the Word and Worship Commission updates next month.

Priest Updates

We are planning a "crowning Mary" event on Monday (5/1) at the morning Mass at 9:00. The statue of Mary will be moved to be by the ambo and stay there all month.

Fr. Octavio will be out next week in Orange County attending a seminar that is aimed at training new priests to become parish pastors.

Closing Prayer:

Bob led the closing prayer, the Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Our next meeting will be May 25 at 6:30 pm in Y1.