

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, Kathy Bauer, Jan Bencken (Vice-Chair), Lynn Johnson, Paul Landry, Julie Malmberg, Mary Ann Mitchell (Chair), Sue O'Donnell (Secretary), Bill Smith, Nia Welsh, Scot Yearwood

Absent: Joni Borbón, Bob Healy, Andie Thesell

Opening Prayer:

Fr. Patric led the opening prayer and reflection. Evening Prayer, St. Bede the Venerable.

Minutes

Minutes of April 27, 2023 were approved as amended.

Commission Updates

Word and Worship: Jen Shaver is looking for volunteers for the week of Summer Fun Camp July 10 through July 14. Jerry would like more kids in the children's choir.

Social Justice: Giving Garden was awarded a grant of \$2,300 from the lay Salvatorians. They have submitted for \$1,400 of that, returning \$900 which was earmarked for repair of the gazebo which will not be repaired. They had lots of carrots to hand out at today's meal.

Campus Development: The committee met with Sue Frost on the issues re Blossom Ridge. Some caveats will be added to the final plan that goes to the Board of Supervisors to address our concerns related to water runoff. The directional/building sign is finished and installed.

PPC discernment

- a. Discernment meeting 1 – First meeting with potential members – May 31 at 6:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend this informational meeting with prospective members. Jen reported 16 nominees. Five of them applied. The remainder respectfully declined to apply. The five are now under review by Fr. Octavio and Fr. Patric.
- b. Discernment meeting/interviews - June 7 at 6:00 for PPC Members to prep and at 6:30 pm for the candidates to join us. All PPC members are strongly encouraged to

attend. After the review we will elect the new four members. Also, new officers will be elected that evening. PPC Members are encouraged to think about opportunities to be one of the officers. Mary Ann will send out an email related to food and drink that evening.

Suggestion Program Update

Jan reported that from beginning of April through today:

- One regarded cell phone interruptions and reminding people to turn them off. It was suggested that an announcement be included in the Call to Worship or by the Sacristan at the beginning of daily Mass.
- What happened to the live screen sign All are welcome, all belong that used to be on the live stream Mass. There was a question on what exactly was being referenced by this question. Jen will check it out and get back to the PPC. Jen said the slide for this has already been added to our standard slides shown before each Mass. Fr. Octavio received the whole story of the quote from Elaine and he noted that he would send each of us the message from Elaine.
- Compliments on Fr. Octavio's homilies. PPC Members gave Fr. Octavio a round of applause.
- There was a request to have the English version of the Benediction on the first Friday daily Mass. Fr. Octavio noted that the English version is in the back of the song books. The question was raised of how do we make that more known to parishioners. Fr. Octavio said he could let people know at the beginning of the service that the English is in the back of the song book.
- Someone asked to bring back Treasure Fest. Jan asked if this would be a social activity, but the group noted it's fund raising and there is no ministry for that. Rather the Finance Committee is the only fund raising part of Divine Savior. Jen noted that staff is aware of this request.
- Someone asked that the Prayer Garden be refreshed and opened up to parishioners. Fr. Octavio noted that the garden had been closed because before our fence went up, homeless individuals were inappropriately using the garden. Jan suggested this is probably something that should be taken up by Campus Development. Julie suggested it might be a good project for the scouts. Fr. Octavio believes the garden is in good shape. Fr. Octavio will consult with Brian Collier and get back to the PPC.
- Sue noted an old suggestion from November regarding the need for handicapped access to the altar that has never been acted on. Sue distributed a handout showing the problems with the current ramp and providing a suggestion for resolving problems that would address the access issue. Issue was referred again to staff. Fr. Octavio will get back to PPC on action. Fr. Octavio also noted that he would send us information about the Incarnation aspect of how the sanctuary is designed and its significance.
- Bill noted an additional verbal suggestion made to him by a parishioner in the vestibule – have a Mass for Mary once a month. Fr. Octavio noted that usually Saturday is devoted to Mary but we don't have Saturday Mass. Jan will enter that into our electronic suggestion system.

Party/Final Meeting – June 22

Mary Ann suggested we do something like a Pizza party for our final meeting of the current PPC on June 22. The group agreed this was a good idea. Fr. Patric and Jan both noted they won't be at that meeting as they will be in Milwaukee that day. Mary Ann will send an email with specifics about the party.

Parish Events

Social justice series on the seven principles of Catholic social teaching has been running for several weeks. First five have been presented in the last five weeks. We will skip for Pentecost, then the final two will be presented in the following two weeks. The series ties nicely into the Eucharistic Revival focus of the diocese. The series has been well received. It includes slides before Mass, items on the bulletin board in the vestibule, on our website and Facebook page.

Three Just Faith modules have been purchased. First one is on Sacred Land. Poverty is second. Third is on critical conversations in divided times. Launch dates for each of these modules are TBD. The facilitators are working on the launch dates now.

Faith formation just wrapped up. Summer camp is planned for July 10th through July 14th. Volunteers are needed for summer camp. Contact Jen Shaver

Communication

Bulletin is in color now. Facebook seems to have more information now. Update on bulletin board we were discussing. That concept has been dropped in exchange for electronic monitors. Current status is related to monitors rather than a bulletin board. That's our direction now. Fr. Octavio, Katie, Brian looking at optimal place to put the electronic monitors. Monitors will be large, maybe 50 inches or larger. Two monitors are sufficient. This is definitely moving forward. Jan noted that the bulletin board and the electronic monitors shouldn't be considered mutually exclusive. Deleting the bulletin board in lieu of electronic monitors instead of having both may be missing something important in the way of communication opportunities. Jan suggested that smaller screens should be placed in the office so people waiting in the reception area can view the displayed material.

Open Discussion-New Ideas

Ushers look out for people who need eucharist brought to them. With the choir going first, this process is harder. Can something be done to make the process of getting eucharist to parishioners in their pews more efficient. Perhaps assigning ushers from the side opposite the choir could handle this.

Action items:

1. PPC Members are encouraged to think about opportunities to be one of the officers which will be elected at the June 7 meeting.

2. Mary Ann will send out an email related to food and drink for the June 7 pre-candidate arrival.
3. Jen will arrange for inclusion of “turn off your cell phones” in the Call to Worship or by the Sacristan at the beginning of daily Mass.
4. Fr. Octavio said he could let people know at the beginning of the First Friday Benediction service that the English version is in the back of the song book.
5. Fr. Octavio will consult with Brian Collier and get back to the PPC on refreshing and reopening the Prayer Garden.
6. Fr. Octavio will get back to PPC on action related to ramp access to the altar area. This suggestion was referred again to staff.
7. Jan will add suggestion related to once-a-month Mass dedicated to Mary.
8. Mary Ann will send an email with specifics about the pizza party on the current PPC’s final meeting on June 22.

Priest Updates

Fr. Octavio notes our monument sign is wearing out and needs to be replaced. He passed around a rendering of the new sign. One of the two will have Mass times.

Closing Prayer:

Jen Yearwood led the closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Our next meeting will be June 22 at 6:30 pm in Y1.