

# ST. MARTHA PARISH AND SCHOOL

## Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes Thursday, December 1, 2022-5:30 p.m. Blessed Solanus Casey Room

Attendees: Fr. Mike Murray, Tom O'Dea, John Saltzgaber, Lauren VanSteel, Christine Patton, Al Kearney, Mark Farone, Nichole Leemon, Jackie Rosalez, Judi Smelser

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Lauren Vansteel at 5:38 p.m.

1. Opening prayer. Solanus Casey quote was shared by Lauren.
2. Gospel Reflection-Second Sunday of Advent. Mt 3:1-12
3. Approval of Minutes from the PPC meeting on October 6, 2022. Approved. Motion: Tom, Second: Judi.
4. Report from our pastor, Fr. Mike Murray:
  - Beacon of Light fundraiser was a great success!
  - Focus on stewardship in January and February
  - Recently we have focused on *talent* and *treasure*. Videos have been recorded and shared with parishioners. The goal is to invite everyone to take one step further into being involved aside from Mass on Sundays.
  - Employment transitions with Hallie Card are going well.
  - Coming up: Advent speaker and Lessons and Carols. Those events will be Live Streamed.
5. Group Reports:
  - School: Andrea Patton was not present. Fr. Mike Murray gave a brief update mentioning that Andrea has been very busy working on the accreditation process. Former St. Martha students are thriving at Lansing Catholic.
  - Religious Education: Jackie announced that the 9th-grade confirmation retreat was coming up. Christmas Eve pageant at the 4 p.m. Mass also coming up.
  - Education Commission: Sledding event coming up and whole family adoration
  - Council of Catholic Women: Chris gave a written report with recent highlights. Approximately 800 Giving Tree tags were made and hung on the trees this year. Several agencies benefit from this service project. December 14th meeting and auction is coming up.

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- Knights of Columbus: Children's party and Adult Christmas party later this month.
  - Communications Committee: Videos are underway for talent and treasure. Those videos can be updated as needed.
  - St. Vincent dePaul: Al reported that 253 people were served, 127 cases this past year. Always looking for more people to join. The money raised is going towards helping people right in the community. Soraya Nowland and Doug Hunter have been helping with the Bread Ministry project.
6. John reported on plans for the Ministry Fair on Sunday, January 22, 2023, after the 8:00 and 10:00 Masses: 14 groups signed up so far, and representatives are needed from all ministries. Handouts and sign-up sheets are needed.
  7. April 2, 2023- Sign up for Coffee and Donuts assistance after 8:00 and 10:00 Masses
  8. New Business:
  9. Closing Prayer led by Lauren.

Meeting ended at 6:55 p.m.

Next meeting 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2023 – Blessed Solanus Casey Room.