

ST. MARTHA PARISH AND SCHOOL

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

February 2nd, 2023

5:30 pm

Blessed Solanus Casey Room

Members present: Lauren VanSteel, Andrea Patton, Albert Kearney, Dante Ianni, Nichole Leemon, Tom O'Dea, Fr. Mike Murray, John Satlzgaber, Beth Buiocchi, Christine Patton, Jackie Rosalez, Mark Forone

1. Opening Prayer, 5:35 pm
2. Gospel read by Beth. Reflection and discussion.
3. Approval of Minutes from December. Motion: Jon, Second: Beth
4. Report from Pastor Mike, Fr. Mike Murray
 - a. Accreditation work, enrollment, Catholic Schools Week going on
 - b. Sacramental preparation going on, specifically for First Reconciliation
 - c. The budget process is underway
 - d. Father Mike's retirement. The Diocese is working quickly to find a replacement
 - e. Mini project going on for parishioners who choose to kneel during communion. Working towards purchasing new kneelers that stick with the design of the current kneelers.
 - f. Stewardship: Time, Talent & Treasure. Treasure is the third and final piece. February 8th and 13th, breakfast for donors. Hallie, Jackie, and Father will speak for a couple of minutes to give donors an idea of what is going on at church and to also thank them for their generosity.
 - g. 4th camera was installed in the church
 - h. Lent starts on February 22nd. Six Fish Fries, 24 hours for the Lord, worship music, and two Stations of the Cross times will be offered on Fridays.
 - i. Due to the supply chain shortage, offertory envelopes will not be distributed for two months
5. Reports from parish group representatives

St. Martha School by Andrea Patton

-working on the accreditation process

-working on enrollment for 2023-2024

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- service project at Cristo Rey
- Christine Patton coming in to work with the middle schoolers on making movies

Religious Education by Jackie Rosalez

- Snow tubing coming up
- Parable Project on March 12th. Performers come and act out the parables with limited costumes and props
- Faith Formation, working on getting students baptized who are interested in receiving communion.
- Kathy Blatnik is working with Jackie on creating a Religious Education Program for students with Special Needs.
- Adult Women's Bible Study on Saturday morning has been going well. There is a wide range of ages.
- The Search* starts on February 9th, with seven sessions. 7-8:30 on Thursdays, Blessed Solanus Casey Room.

Council of Catholic Women by Chris Patton

- gave compliments to the Ministry Fair
- 4 meetings remaining
- January meeting was a game night that was fun
- February Valentine's movie night from *The Chosen*
- March will be the Soup Supper. Hallie will be coming to talk about blessing your house and objects in your house
- April meeting will be about Mary
- The last meeting in May will be a spring celebration

Knights of Columbus by Dante Ianni

- Christmas parties were successful for both children and adults
- 2 new members were initiated this past Sunday
- Fish Fry's coming up
- Williamston, East Lansing & Okemos Knights are working towards purchasing an Ultra Sound machine for Cristo Rey. March 18th Cornhole tournament for a fundraiser.

Communications

- appreciate all the videos they have put together

St. Vincent dePaul Conference by Albert Kearney

- Joe Garcia has offered to help with utility bills. He has grant money available.

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- The ministry fair was successful. 6-8 more members are interested. Grief Share has also recruited some members.
- Direct calls from parishioners that are in need of help
- The garage has been partially cleaned out
- Going well but more capital is needed

Other organizations

Evangelization Committee

- working on bringing grown children back to the church
- also working on getting a speaker to address Catholic Health Care
- Walking with Moms in Need, Beth is attending a meeting about this organization on Saturday at St. Mary's

6. Review of Ministry Fair

- went over the comments and feedback
- maybe the group that does the donuts, also does a small article in the bulletin?
- 21 different ministries were present
- If you are interested in being part of the Ministry Fair Committee, please let Lauren know.

8. New Business- The sign-up sheet went around to help with donuts on April 2nd after the 8 am and 10 am Mass times.

Rescheduled the next meeting to May 4th due to a conflict with Holy Thursday

Future meeting dates:

Thursday, August 3rd

Thursday, October 5th

Thursday, December 7th

Closing prayer, Hail Mary

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm