

St. Mary's Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes for Zoom Meeting on June 20, 2020

6:40 – Gathering and Welcome: St. Mary Vision Statement

To create and maintain a Christ-centered catholic community where our personal call to holiness, service and spiritual growth leads to continued authentic witness as Christ's disciples.

6:39 – Roll Call

6:40 – Opening Prayer: Father Charles

6:45 – Approval of Minutes: April Meeting

6:50 – Topics

1. **Should the parish order hymnals** for the upcoming year? If so, how many?
 - diocese has outlined with general guidance but says it is not a one size fits all. We still have power to make some decisions.
 - tough to sanitize paper
 - could we order some but not all (normally have 375 – cost of about \$1200).
 - Word Among Us – wouldn't have music, but has readings and reflections. We generally ordered 250 copies but generally ran out.
 - could do some of both.
 - could we project - yes, but need to purchase a certain amount of hymnals
 - order some of each. Minimum of hymnals. 100 to 150 Word among us. Think people will want them as many people are attending mass at other diocese/parishes. They are hungry for the Eucharist.
2. **Question for members:** Would anyone from the parish council like to volunteer to be added to the rotation for leading the Rosary on Fridays? Would have 2 people...at church...one to lead and one that does the responses of sorrowful mysteries. Arrive at church at 8:45.
Carole Martin volunteered to help during the summer. Carole will take 07/10. Will do other Fridays as available. Mike Montgomery & Mark Prentice will also help as available.
3. **Parish Directory Photos** are tentatively rescheduled for Aug 4 and 5 : Is there a commission that can be put in charge of overseeing the completion of the photos and handle the editing of the directory? Need someone to proof and add names correctly. Alan volunteered to help. June will help as necessary. Sue – knows some folks who knows everyone/most in parish. With taken and submitted pictures - we have only 200 so far, with about 40 canceled. Need to send out to all parish to send in their own pictures. Have to sign forms for copyright for submitted pictures. Need a) people to be on hostess committee to take care of families for picture taking. b) someone to put book together.

4. Discuss **current Mass situation** and how the future looks for the parish.
 - Had 42 people first week. Can have 16 pods of up to 6 people each – (96 total). Can set singles or couples on side where private prayer is – so up to an additional 8.
 - St. John 23rd – all had masks, social distancing, priest came to people to distribute communion.
 - We are opening but taking small steps and adapt as we go along. Will change as needed. Need to stay safe and clean. We go forward as safely as possible.
 - Many have told Fr. they are not ready to come back yet, so we will continue live streaming.
 - May add another Mass as needed.
 - Jeri gave options to 1st Communion families in terms of their comfort level. By group size or waiting until restrictions lifted.
 - Would people be more comfortable with an outside Mass? Father has considered. He is not comfortable doing an outdoor mass. Weather is a factor. Going by what Bishop Zinkula says about respecting the Eucharist. Reluctant to go to drive-through communion. May solve some issues but presents others.
 - In Illinois...watched Mass on phone in car, then went into church to receive the Eucharist.
 - We need to think through how we will do things going forward and changes we make.
 - Our current technology only has 1 mb upload speed, 18 down. Need to get fiber. (South slope has the church on the list.)
 - Chuck is working hard with the technology to make the feed work as well as possible.
 - Internally we have upgraded router and wiring and have done everything to make sure it will work with fiber when available.
 - Many people tuning into Solon to watch our mass. We get checks from all over the country and other parts of the world. 1500/month coming in from outside the parish.
 - Per the diocese, we are in holding pattern until we get herd immunity.
 - Need to put in equipment so we can keep livestreaming
 - Still on sign up genius for Mass. If slots open up, will be opened up to everyone even if they are signed up for another Mass.
 - People want to be back in church but are afraid and want to know if they will be safe.
 - Still scheduling and doing baptisms.
 - Many of 1st Communions will happen. Largest one is group of 8 families. Jeri working hard to accommodate all of the families.
 - RCIA baptisms, etc will be on July 11. 1 to get all sacraments, 3 will get 1st communion & confirmation.
 - Would there be a way to live stream with people there – so more people could attend? Chuck is looking into it. If we get a permanent camera in, we could go back to regular schedule. Need a zoom camera, with someone to operate. Bob and Chuck working to figure it out.
5. Miscellaneous update.
 - In regards to Faith formation, she is told to plan for digital.
 - Should be signed up for Formed – like Netflix for Catholics. Will be relying on that for Adult Faith Formation.
 - KC's did elections – Dennis Newell new Grand Knight. Listed in bulletin.
6. **Parish finance summary.**
 - Online giving used to be \$3K a month before covid-19 – now over \$17K per month
 - Tithing checks sent out. \$40K sent out. Split an \$1800 – half to Raiden and half to Graeson Dall.
 - Budget finalized. Adam Stahle worked with commissions. Will be forwarded to PC when complete.

- Electric bill a year ago \$3K, this past month was under \$700.
- Painting inside church - \$6800 – almost done.
- Difficult to budget this year because of Covid-19.

7. **Ideas on Evangelization** going forward.

- Streaming of Masses, rosary, Faith formation – all great.
- We would support any more ideas on how to get the message out there.
- Is there a way to let others know outside of parish? Anything we can send out? We can share it on Facebook. Ask folks to share.
- Put a blurb in the Economist and NoJoCo – change Mass times.

8. What about **parish council meetings going forward?** Should we continue online or meet in person? Some prefer social distance, some prefer to meet in person. Will consider a hybrid version.

9. **Forming Intentional Disciples** – read chapter 3 & 4 for next time.

10. **Miscellaneous** updates.

- Bob huber has spray that won't take finish off. First time they cleaned, stripped the wood to the oak. He refinished the wood.
- Cover the back of the pews with press and seal. Can clean it as well or replace.
- Spray will be used on all surfaces that are touched, including fabric seats. Have to wait so much time for the air to settle because particles stay in air for certain amount of time.
- Mailbox got hit by someone while Father gone. Bob and people in rental house repaired it.

7:55 – **Next meeting** – July 27. 6:30. Business meeting. Will ask commissions to attend in person, via zoom, or send notes to be presented.

7:58 – **Closing Prayer:** Father Charles

8:00 – **Adjourn**