

Saint Mark Catholic Church Pastoral Council

November 16, 2020

In Attendance: Father John, John Benson, Lisa Daily, Suzanne Broda, David Balmaceda, David Liberto, Phillip Weaver, Eric Smith, Wojtek Lachowski, Scott Bruno, Jim Burger, Josh McCormick

Absent: Beth Zuhosky, Theresa Benson, Emilio Gomez

First 15: All

- When was the first time you encountered Jesus?
- Private sharing by all council members

Accept Minutes: Lisa

Parish Council Tags: John

We would like to have Parish Council participate in what is happening within the Parish. Have one council member attend one meeting per month. Ask for minutes/update if unable to attend the meeting. Please let John know which area you would like to participate in. As of right now...

Stewardship- John

Finance- Wojtek

Education- Jim Burger

Liturgy and Worship-

Communication-

Parish Life-

Stewardship Update: John

- Angel Tree- approaching goal of \$47,000 (\$37,000 donated so far)- @210 families donating the \$37,000. 800 requests. Fulfilled 2200 requests in the past.
- Parish Survey- 566 responses. Initiated from our conversation at the last Pastoral Council meeting. 57% of parishioners have come back to Mass once per week, 27% have not been back since March, 6% will not come back until pandemic is over. 70% say they will attend Mass at Christmas. The 3pm, 5pm and 7pm would be the most attended if given these choices.
- Need 5pm Sunday Mass helper this weekend to hand out the Advent gift (Vigil Project/Fr. Dave Pivonka).
- Stewardship Engagement Weekend- December 5 and 6. Will talk about Stewardship and Intentional Discipleship. Will recognize volunteers within our parish. Will send out video highlighting the state of the parish within an e-newsletter.
- Ministry Videos- coat drive and angel tree were first, will be on the website. Focused on EMHC, greeters and ushers next.
- DSA- we are just \$3K short of \$335K goal for 2020. \$43K pledge balance- we should receive a 40K rebate if the pledges are received. Feb kicks off DSA for Feb 2021.
- New families are continuing to register in the MACs system (2-8 per week registering for St. Mark and CTk).

Legacy/Endowment:

Wojtek

- Create an endowment for the Parish- the Diocese would manage the endowment. They have some marketing materials they can share with us. Working with Matthew on the finance council. Trying to fine tune the criteria for approaching Parishioners and the process for doing this. Might be helpful to have a subcommittee from Pastoral Council to help things move along.

Parish Operations Update:

Scott

- Staff- one preschool classroom was shut down for a short time due to illness.
- Facilities- working on issues with the roof in both buildings. Final drawings for expansion of rectory under way as well.
- Collection Update- letter went out to Parishioners. Running about \$9-10K short in offertory each week.
- Faith Formation- Sister Zeny has a lot on her plate; running faith formation for 2 different Parishes. Very uplifting, positive attitude.

Evangelization

John

- December/January- we will wrap up and start up another staff/parishioner training.
- Welcome Women's Group- 16 women are meeting every other week.
- Welcome Men's Group has started another session. They will go through role discernment in early December for a targeted late July/early August retreat. The format is to ask people who were on the retreat to facilitate the next retreat. 15-20 of the participants from the last group will help with the next retreat.
- Charismatic Group- how do we draw in more people.
- RCIA has 15 people.
- 60 WOJ ladies just wrapped up session.

Eyes and Ears-

Father John

- Christmas Mass Update- Bishop will allow us to have Mass starting at 1pm Christmas Eve. Normally, Masses on Christmas Eve at 3, 5, 7, 9 (Spanish), midnight and 9, 11am on Christmas Day. Priests are only allowed to celebrate 3 Masses per day. Will need more ushers, greeters, EMHC for Christmas Eve Masses and 9 and 11am on Sunday.
- Eventbrite for tickets- Beth would appreciate any assistance on how to set it up. Thoughts about how it might work if people do not see the marketing in advance to reserve a spot.
- No confirmed cases from anyone receiving Communion. Diocese said no significant risk with providing Holy Water.
- Governor has reduced number of people for inside groups- we are following the guidelines. Allowing youth ministry to meet as long as we can do it safely.
- Friday the governor reduced to 10 people gathering inside and 20 people gathering outside.
- Mario Martinez- working on promoting traditional Catholic devotions- Epiphany Blessing. Blessing of Bread, Wine etc.
- St. Mark Adoration on Tuesdays. Father Gamez has been taking Jesus to the classrooms. Beautiful and creative.

Closing Prayer