

St. Margaret Mary Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Minutes for Meeting that took place on Thursday, October 4, 2018

Elected Members in Attendance: Kevin Sims, Denise Blum, Kelly Hartwig, Mary Hummeldorf, Bill Keuper, Margie King, Debbie Klein, Pam Vehr

Elected Members Not Present: All present

Ex Officio Members in Attendance: Fr. Gardner, Jenni Petrey **Ex Officio Not Present:** Wilma McGlasson **Recording Secretary:** Denise Blum

Opening Prayer

September minutes: Approved

Fr. Gardner's Report

In the parish:

- There was one funeral liturgy in the parish for Frank Pletikapich.
- Catechetical Sunday and the celebration of special wedding anniversaries took place in September. Father expressed his thanks to Wilma McGlasson and all those involved in the catechetical ministry of the parish. He also expressed appreciation to Linda Lech and Rita Wietmarschen and the volunteers who assisted with the anniversary celebration and reception that followed.
- Upcoming in the month of October: Observance and special collections associated with Respect Life Sunday on October 7, Mission Sunday on October 21, and the Remembrance of Deceased Parishioners Mass on October 28 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.
- Upcoming St. Vincent de Paul collections: Canned Goods drive on Sat/Sun Oct. 27/28; Giving Tree program begins on Sat/Sun Nov. 17/18.
- The Archdiocese has communicated to all parishes a request made by the United States Conference of Bishops that a voluntary special collection be taken in parishes the weekend of Oct 13/14 for the purpose of supporting the Church's work assisting those affected by recent Hurricanes Florence [and now Michael]. With a reasonable expectation of much more unpredictable weather and resulting natural disasters in the United States, the funds will go towards humanitarian, long-term recovery and the Church's needs arising from these events. Notice of this will first be announced the weekend of Oct. 6/7, and collection baskets placed or held at the doors of the church on the weekend of the Oct. 13/14.

In the Archdiocese: The priest Convocation takes place this month on Thu., Oct. 18 at Incarnation parish in Centerville.

St. Margaret Mary Parish and Assumption Parish Pastoral Region:

The holy day and holiday schedule of Masses is as follows:

- Feast of All Saints, Thu., Nov. 1, remains a holy day of obligation, but with the observance of Halloween on the 31st, Masses at St.MM will be on Thur., Nov. 1 at 8 a.m. & 7 p.m.; at Assumption, 9:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Fr. Cross will be assisting with the schedule of evening Masses.
- Thanksgiving Day, Thu., Nov 22, Mass at each parish at 9 a.m.
- Feast of the Immaculate Conception, remains a holy day of obligation while falling on a Saturday. Mass at St. MM will be on Sat., Dec. 8 at 8 a.m. only, and at Assumption, a vigil Mass on Fri., Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. and Sat. Dec. 8 at 9:15 a.m.
- Christmas: Vigil/eve Mass at St. MM on Mon., Dec. 24 at 4:30 p.m. and on Tue., Dec 25 at 10 a.m.; at Assumption, a vigil Mass on Mon., Dec 24 at 4 p.m and during the evening at 11 p.m., and on Tues., Dec. 25 at 10 a.m.
- New Year's Day Feast of Mary, Mother of God, Tues, Jan. 1, vigil/eve Mass at St. MM on Mon., Dec 31 at 4:30 p.m. and Tues., Jan 1 at 10 a.m.; at Assumption, a vigil/eve Mass on Mon., Dec 31 at 4 and on Tues., Jan 1 at 10 a.m.

O.L.G. School:

- Fr. Jerry expressed thanks to the parish community for their support of OLG's Walk-a-Thon. The parish sent a check for \$452.00 to the OLG PTO.
- Fr. Jerry will next preside at OLG school Masses on Oct. 9 & 23.

Faith Formation Director's Report: Report submitted by Wilma McGlasson

- **Dynamic Catholic Book Club:** Next meeting will be Tue., Oct. 16 in the Faith Formation Office at 6:30 p.m. They will continue discussing the book *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. If you would like more information or want to join the group, please contact the Faith Formation Office.
- **Scripture Study** group is still planning a day/time they will meet, most likely in the Scripture Study Room at a later time of day. [Addendum: Since the PC meeting took place, plans have been confirmed for this program to resume on Tue., Nov. 27 at 11 a.m. coinciding with the start of Advent.]
- **Adult Faith Formation:** The team hopes to settle on date/time for the presentation on Bill Keuper's trip to Rome and Assisi. They are also working on a History of the Church and Saints presentations for the fall season. The plan is to continue working on the topics submitted via the survey returned by our parishioners a few months ago.

Youth and Young Adults:

- Parish School Religion (PSR) takes place at 9:30 a.m. in the church undercroft. Registration forms are available from the Parish or Faith Formation offices.
- Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) takes place during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. More volunteers are needed to help with this program.
- **Sacramental Preparation:** Postcards were sent and reminders posted in the bulletins regarding meetings for families with children eligible for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Confirmation. One family attended each meeting. It is expected that there will be three candidates for each Sacrament. Wilma will follow up with each to confirm their intentions.
- **Altar Server Training:** Students from 5th grade and up are welcomed to become altar servers **plus their parents and any adult who is interested in being a part of this program**. Arrangements can be made for training at the individual/family's convenience. Please contact the Faith Formation Office for more information.
- **R.C.I.A.** At this time, there are no inquirers for R.C.I.A. The team will offer a brief explanation of the Catholic faith with some handouts on Sun., Oct. 21 at noon in the PAC for anyone who might be interested. R.C.I.A. will then begin weekly if there are interested inquirers.
- **St. Paul Community Dinner:** St. Margaret Mary Parish is scheduled to help serve the community dinner at St. Paul Church on Bising and Hamilton on October 30. Please call the Parish Office for more information. We need more volunteers for this program.

NOTE: *Unless otherwise stated, questions or requests for additional information for any of the Faith Formation activities mentioned above should be directed to the parish Faith Formation Director, Wilma McGlasson, 729-0222 or email wmcglasson@fuse.net.*

Communications Commission (CC): Report submitted by Janice Stentz

- **Parish newsletter:** The winter newsletter is on schedule to be in homes by Nov 1. Draft goes to staff this week for proofreading. Waiting for a few things to come in before it is ready to go.
- **New Bulletin:** Three design options were provided to the parish staff for review and input. One design was preferred. Waiting for final approval of content and will prepare Word versions for the regular cover and a wrap version for special occasion covers.
- **Celebrate St.MM Ministries Recognition:** After a discussion with Fr. Jerry it was decided to not do new banners to be hung in church for the weekend as we had originally suggested. Will check on the condition of the older St.MM banner used in the past as a possibility. Instead of banners we will prepare a single sheet insert for the bulletin the weekend of Celebrate St.MM that will list the ministries and their contact person(s).

Finance: Jenni reported

- Finance Committee will meet on Oct. 11.
- Jenni provided Council with the Finance report for September 2018. At this time, the budget is looking good.
- St.MM collected a total of \$452.00 for the OLG Walk-a-Thon which will be on Fri., Oct. 5.

Buildings & Grounds: Jenni reported

- The new boiler installation is almost completed.
- Continuing the work of getting assessment on the asbestos abatement of pipes in the PAC which will need to be done at some point.
- Getting bids to replace the air conditioner for the Church.

St. MM Parish Service Organization: Report by Denise

- The group met on Sept 20.
- Fall Festival Turkey Dinner is Sat., Nov. 3, 5:45-9 p.m. Bill Johansing will cook turkeys, Debbie and Denise will carve them. Help is needed to set up at 9 a.m. on the 3rd, with cleanup after the event is over. Volunteers can contact Jenni Petrey at jpetrey@stmargaretparish.org
- It has been decided to keep all events and fundraisers currently sponsored in place except for the Spaghetti dinner which has not been well attended in recent years.
- They are next scheduled to volunteer at Mt. Healthy Christian Village on Sat., Oct. 20 from 1:30 – 3 p.m. (Always the 3rd Saturday of the month). Volunteers are welcomed and needed as well as donations of items to be used as prizes. (Lotions, small plush toys, blankets, crossword books, etc.) Please consider volunteering an hour and half of your time to this activity. It is a great opportunity for service hours. Fr. Jerry urged that this opportunity to volunteer be shared in Assumption's bulletin as a pastoral region project.

Please contact Denise Blum if you have ideas, questions or are interested in learning how you can help with any of the St. MM Service Organization's activities, 328-1517.

Old Business – Parish Bingo program

Thanks to those who responded to the plea for help with concessions during Bingo on the 1st and 3rd Fridays. Those dates are now filled.

Old Business – Parish 100th Anniversary in 2020

A date for a first planning meeting will be set in the next few weeks.

Old Business – Celebrate St.MM Weekend – Jenni reported

The plans were discussed and all details are covered for the dinner that will take place on Oct 13.

New Business – Fr. Jerry's 40th Anniversary

Fr. Jerry's 40th anniversary will be on June 16, 2019. He would prefer one event to be coordinated by both St. MM and Assumption. No specific plans were discussed. More coming on this.

New Business – Lack of Altar Servers

A parishioner brought their concern about the lack of altar servers to Council's attention. This continues to be an ongoing issue for all Masses.

NOTE: A joint meeting with Assumption's Parish Council took place following the St. MM PC meeting on this night. The purpose was to do an annual review of the Pastoral Region PLAN. This will be reported on at the next PC meeting.

Closing Prayer

Next PC meeting: Thur., December 6, 2018 in Rm. 21 of the PAC at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes notes by Denise Blum; prepared by Janice Stentz