

St. Margaret Mary Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Minutes for Meeting that took place on Thursday, September 6, 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: Janice Stentz

Opening Prayer

August minutes: Approved

Fr. Gardner's Report

In the parish:

- The observance of the feast of the Assumption (Aug. 15) with the Pastoral Region schedule took place.
 - The parish festival is completed, with great appreciation for all the effort and hard work done on behalf of the parish by many people, especially the chairpersons, Jenni Petrey and Bill Johansing, along with many others on the planning committee and chairs of the booths.
- Upcoming:
- Catechetical Sunday is observed on the weekend of Sept. 15/16 with recognition for those involved in the catechetical ministries of the parish taking place at the Masses.
 - The annual parish celebration and acknowledgment of couples with special wedding anniversaries this year will take place on Sun., Sept. 23.
 - There will be observance and collections for Respect Life Sunday on Sun., Oct. 7.; and Mission Sunday on Sun., Oct. 21.
 - The annual Mass of Remembrance of Deceased Parishioners takes place on Sun., Oct. 28.

In the Archdiocese:

- The Archdiocese has scheduled a Day of Prayer for the Church and Victims of Abuse to take place on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, Fri., Sept. 14. There will be a schedule of prayer taking place at three sites: the St. Peter in Chains Cathedral in Cincinnati, St. Joseph Church in Dayton and St. Michael Church in Fort Loramie. Details can be found at www.catholiccincinnati.org. There is a link about the event on the home page.
- A link to a recent interview given by Archbishop Schnurr with Sacred Heart Radio regarding the recent news on abuse in the church has been provided through the social media links on our parish website and included as an article in the bulletin.

St. Margaret Mary Parish and Assumption Parish Pastoral Region:

Fr. Jerry asked for Council Member's thoughts about a joint review of our Pastoral Region Plan with Assumption's Parish Council. Propose date is to meet prior to St.MM's next PC meeting on Thur., Oct. 4.

O.L.G. School Update:

- It has been a successful beginning to the new school year. Fr. Jerry is scheduled to preside at Mass on Tue., Sept. 11 and again on Tue., Sept. 25. With St. Ann's pastor, Fr. McCarthy on a three month sabbatical, this pattern of Mass at OLG every other week will continue until the beginning of December.
- OLG's PTO fundraiser Walk-a-Thon, takes place on Fri., Oct. 5. To provide the opportunity for our parishioners to support this principle fundraiser for the OLG PTO, an appeal will be made to all four covenant parishes on designated weekends in September, with the opportunity to donate or sponsor a student for the walk-a-thon.

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

- **Dynamic Catholic Book Club:** The group's next meeting will be Tue., Sept. 18 in Rm. 20 at 6:30 p.m. They will be 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 planning to begin meeting again in September but a day/time have not been determined yet.
- **Adult Faith Formation:** The Faith Formation team is working on plans for programs and events for the fall season. A calendar of offerings will be available soon.

Youth and Young Adults:

- **Parish School Religion (PSR)** will begin on Sun., Sept. 16 at 9:30 a.m. in the church undercroft. Registration forms are available around the corner from the parish office on the book rack.
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)** will resume on Sun., Sept. 9 during the 10:30 a.m. Mass.
- **Sacramental Preparation:** Postcards have been sent to families with children eligible for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Confirmation. There will be a meeting for First Reconciliation on Wed., Sept 19 at 7 p.m. in the Faith Formation Office and for Confirmation on Wed., Sept. 26 at 7 p.m., also in the Faith Formation Office.
- **Catechetical Sunday** will be celebrated in the Archdiocese on Sun., Sept. 16. Letters have been sent to the parish catechists making them aware that they will be recognized at the weekend Masses.
- **Altar Server Training** was offered after the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Sat., Aug. 4 & 11; and after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sun., Aug. 5 & 12. No one attended. Anyone who is interested, please contact the Faith Formation Office at any time. There is a critically urgent need for servers, either young or adult. Students in 5th grade and up, **and their parents or any adult who is interested in being a part of this program** are welcomed to this ministry.

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): Janice reported

- The group met Aug. 16
- The timeline for the next parish newsletter was set. It will cover Nov, Dec, Jan and is scheduled to be in homes by Nov 1.
- Currently looking at updated designs for the bulletin cover for a fresh look.
- Considered ideas for the ministry component to Celebrate St.MM Weekend. Will look into doing new banners this year with a focus on service/stewardship.

Finance: Jenni reported

- Jenni provided Council with the Finance report for August 2018. At this time, weekly collections are keeping up with the amount that was calculated into the budget.
- There are 19 parishioner students attending OLG for the 2018-19 school year. Student tuition is being subsidized by the parish in the amount of \$640.00 per student.

Buildings & Grounds: Jenni reported

- The new boiler for the Church building will begin being installed this Friday (Sept 7). The cost is \$53,133.00.
- Currently getting bids to replace the air conditioner for the Church building, which will be a similarly large expense. Hope to be able to make a final decision in October.
- The convent building is going to be winterized and the water shut off in order to keep costs down. It will no longer be available for use.

St. MM Parish Service Organization: Report by Denise

They are next scheduled to volunteer at Mt. Healthy Christian Village on Sat., Sept. 15 (Always the 3rd Saturday of the month). **This parish ministry is in danger of being discontinued due to lack of volunteer help.** 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 will make a lot of seniors happy and is a true blessing for the residents. It is also a great opportunity for service hours.

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

Debbie reported that there remains an immediate need for help with the cafeteria concessions on the 1st or 2nd Fridays of the month. Concessions volunteers should arrive by 7 p.m. and are generally done by 9:30. If anyone is interested in volunteering or has questions about what is involved, contact Debbie Klein at 403-1527.

Old Business – Parish 100th Anniversary in 2020

Jenni and Janice agreed to schedule the first planning meeting for the 100th anniversary in October. Date to be determined.

Old Business – Festival – Jenni reported

- Final revenue numbers will not be ready for a while yet. Jenni is still getting invoices etc. settled before being able to balance everything.
- Jenni announced that both she and Bill are stepping down as co-chairpersons for the Festival. Council members were asked to give thought to how to proceed and bring their ideas for discussion at the next PC meeting.

Old Business – Pastoral Region Plan, Annual Review

It was suggested that a joint meeting take place at St.MM prior to the regular PC meeting on Thu., Oct. 4. Fr. Jerry will check with Assumption's council to see if they can attend on that date. Kevin Simms will contact the Assumption PC leadership to coordinate an agenda for the meeting. Debbie offered to organize having refreshments available. The regular St.MM PC meeting will follow.

New Business – Celebrate St.MM Weekend

Scheduled for the weekend of Oct 13/14. The Parish Appreciation Dinner will be on Saturday evening immediately following the 4:30 p.m. Mass. All food will be provided by the parish this year, so there is no need for anyone to bring side dishes, **however desserts will be needed.** It is hoped to expand on the event this year since the parish did not have its usual summer picnic. More details will be coming as plans take shape.

Closing Prayer

Next PC meeting: Thur., October 4, 2018 in Rm. 21 of the PAC. Time to be determined when joint meeting plans are finalized.

Minutes prepared by Janice Stentz