

**jSt. Margaret Mary Parish, Naperville, IL
Pastoral Council Minutes
November 4, 2014**

Members Participating: Cabrina Attal, Tom Cordaro, Neil Gorman, Victoria Kosirog, Mike Newell, Janene Parisi, Marian Stricker, Phil Samuels, Tom Zakosek, Barb Zdon
Members Absent: Fr. Paul Hottinger

Council President Barb Zdon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Room at SMMP. Victoria Korisog offered an opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2014 MEETING MINUTES

Council approved the meeting minutes from October 7, 2014, with Victoria Kosirog moving, Neil Gorman seconding, and the Council approving these. The minutes, along with Commission reports, will now be posted onto the Council's online web page.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Prayer Thanks: Barb Zdon expressed her thanks to Council for their prayers relating to her recent healthcare concerns. She reported feeling much better now.

Update on Parish Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (1/17/15): Neil Gorman reported that he and his co-chair Mike Newell are making some progress in planning for the upcoming Parish Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on 1/17/15. Neil will present a catering menu for Council's review at the December meeting. Barb Zdon (who co-chaired the previous Appreciation Dinner) reminded Neil and Mike about some of the upcoming tasks and deadlines needing attention within the next month, e.g. selection of theme, decoration ideas, and work assignments. The parish musicians from *Off the Rails* also need to be contacted as soon as possible about their performance availability on 1/17/15 and then be officially requested to perform on that night.

Update on Nominations Committee: Victoria Kosirog, Nominations Committee Co-Chair with Phil Samuels, updated Council that two of last year's discernment candidates are interested in being considered for the two At-Large Council positions opening in June 2015. In addition, Victoria also stated that she has already spoken with a teen parishioner, who is already active in liturgical ministry, about her possible representative participation on Council.

It was noted that, according to the Council's constitution, a youth representative should serve on Council (for a one-year term), along with six adult At-Large representatives (two members per successive three-year term). Although the Council's constitution has not been amended for many years, it has been a long while since a youth representative has served on Council. Victoria will reexamine the constitution about the youth representative position and report back to Council about this.

Additional Boy Scout Troop Trailer: According to Barb Zdon, Fr. Paul received a request from SMMP's Boy Scout Troop 507 to obtain a second troop trailer and park it in the southeast church parking lot alongside their other trailer. The request for this second trailer is due to the increased size of the scout troop. Council would like to receive additional information about who covers any loss or damage to the scout trailer and about how the trailer is secured. Barb will make some inquiries about these.

Neil Gorman moved, Mike Newell seconded, and Council was in agreement that Boy Scout Troop 507 can obtain a second troop trailer and store this in the southeast church parking lot, with additional information to still be obtained about the trailers' insurance coverage and security.

Possible December Council Meeting Date Change: Barb Zdon noted that Fr. Paul has a schedule conflict for the next Council meeting on 12/02/14, this being due to First Reconciliation. Council indicated that most of the members would still be available to meet on 12/09/14, if Fr. Paul would be able to attend on this alternate date. Barb Zdon will contact Fr. Paul about the possible rescheduled meeting date, subsequently notifying Council about this. Especially since Fr. Paul has also missed the October and November Council meetings due to schedule conflict and travel, the new Council expressed concern about their missing Fr. Paul's guidance and would like to work with him as closely as possible.

DISCERNMENT WORK FOR CYCLE 1: Starting at 7:20 p.m., Tom Cordaro, Justice/Outreach Minister, led Council in a 50-minute discussion on questions and insights generated through readings, which were assigned in preparation for tonight's meeting. These readings pertained to the "common thread" issues and concerns raised by recent "active listening" one-on-one parishioner interviews recently conducted by Council and Parish Leadership Staff [see 10/7/14 Council minutes]. Tom also noted that the Parish Leadership Staff currently includes: Fr. Paul Hottinger; Tom Cordaro; Sr. Madelyn Gould; Dan Lawler; and Sue Davey. While the parish's five deacons are invited to participate, this is optional on their parts.

The assigned readings included:

- *Community Psychology – Psychological Sense of Community: Theory of McMillan & Chavis (1986)*
- *Individualism and Commitment in American Life* [Excerpted from Original] by Robert N. Bellah
- *Living in an Age of Fear* [Excerpted from the book *Be Not Afraid: An Alternative to the War on Terror* by Tom Cordaro, with additional writing and updating by the author]
- *Panel at Fordham Focuses on the Spiritual AND Religious – Faith Without Church* by Jamie Manson, Dec. 11, 2013 Grace on the Margins, National Catholic Reporter
- *The (Even More) Overworked American* [Chapter 1] by Juliet Schor
- *Teaching Generation Me* by Jean M. Twenge, Society for the Teaching of Psychology 40(1) 64-69

At tonight's meeting, Council shared reflections about what they learned through these readings, along with their insights relating to the "signs of the times," cultural resources, the role of community, Catholic traditions and identity, and the role of faith. Questions were raised for further discussion next month.

Tom Cordaro will compile the questions and insights generated tonight by Council and will likewise share these with the Parish Leadership Staff by early next week. In December and January, Council and Staff Leadership will collect and identify resources from our faith tradition (including Scripture stories, metaphors, and analogies) to help answer questions being raised. In February, Council and Staff will work on developing new parish missional directives from these.

Following this, Council took a break from 8:10-8:25 p.m., enjoying refreshments provided by Victoria Kosirog.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Administration: [Saint Margaret Mary Parish Administration Commission Minutes of Monday, October 13, 2014, submitted by Mike Prus, was electronically forwarded in advance by Marian Stricker, a copy of which is shown hereto].

The new glass wall with repositioned chapel entrance, separating the chapel from the church, was recently completed within a single week's time.

There was some discussion tonight about why ParishPay contributors still receive contribution envelopes by mail on a quarterly basis; what are the mailing costs per household for these; how many inactive or withdrawn families still receive such mailings; and what guidelines are used to stop these mailings to inactive or withdrawn families. Marian Stricker will pose these inquiries to Administration at their next meeting and will report back to Council. In a non-confrontational manner, Cabrina Attal will also look into the parish envelope mailings

Christian Worship (CWC): [Report for November 2014 Christian Worship Commission was electronically submitted by Tom Zakosek in advance, a copy of which is shown hereto].

According to CWC Representative Tom Zakosek, the number of baptisms is increasing, and attendance at the 12:15 p.m. Mass on Sundays is also increasing. Although Gift Bearer sign-up for Sunday Mass is somewhat declining, interested groups/families can also notify the Greeters before Mass about their interest in serving as Gift Bearers for that particular Mass on the same day.

Christian Education (CEC): [CEC Ministry Reports for October 2014 was electronically submitted by Janene Parisi in advance, a copy of which is shown hereto].

According to Janene Parisi, CEC Representative, the 2014-15 changes to the Quest Program appear to be favorably received by the teens and their parents, with feedback received from parents that the video series is “excellent. As there were many Quest Program absences incurred this past month due to the teens’ other activities, the make-up activities by teen with parent are still being implemented.

Janene reported that the new parent-only part-day retreats (for those with children preparing for First Communion and First Reconciliation) received “very good” parent attendee feedback.

Summer 2015 Mission Trips will be scheduled during the very short “window” available to teens when summer school classes are finished.

Christian Service (CSC): [CSC Report: November, 2014 was electronically submitted by Tom Cordaro in advance, a copy of which is shown hereto].

Cabrina Attal, CSC Representative, noted that there are seven new ministers for Pastoral Care.

AD HOC COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: There was some discussion tonight about whether or not the Ad Hoc Communications Committee has become defunct. Unfortunately, most of its communications ideas for the parish had not been implemented, despite some energized meetings having taken place over the past several years.

Meanwhile, Victoria Kosirog started a Facebook page last month for the parish, adding items onto it about various parish activities and using the parish bulletin as a reference tool. She, along with Neil Gorman and Mike Newell, are currently listed as editors for this Facebook page. Victoria requested that Council and others submit good ideas, including those seen on other churches’ pages, to her on an ongoing basis. The new Facebook page should prove to be an interactive, dynamic communication tool within the parish “and beyond,” e. g. with participants posting comments and pictures about their planned attendance and participation. It is recommended that an e-mail “blast” be sent out to parishioners about the parish’s new Facebook page and that information about this be included in the parish bulletin.

Neil Gorman, Men’s Club President, reported that the Men’s Club has recently hired a computer specialist at \$35 per hour for 3-4 hours per month to maintain the Men’s Club web site and keep it updated. As there still are \$2,900 in the 2014-15 parish budget for Communications, he recommended that Council also pursue hiring a computer specialist on a part-time basis to update and maintain some areas on the parish web site, e.g. for each of the Commissions pages. Although Dan Lawler, Director of Youth Ministry, is very skilled and talented in the use of social media and has developed and maintained the parish’s youth ministry web site [www.youthwithheart.com], he does

not have available time to do this additional work. Council cited Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and other new communication tools which might benefit the parish.

Lastly, Council discussed the “Welcome to the Neighborhood” postcard currently being developed for mailing to all of the houses within the new Arbor Trails subdivision in Lisle. The mailing will be done through the use of the US Postal Service’s new *Every Door Direct* method, for which names and actual addresses within the designated subdivision are not needed. The new subdivision is not yet registered with the postal system for this delivery, because there is not enough sales to be considered a fully integrated community according to the Postal Service, although it hopefully will be so soon. Victoria Kosirog will make further inquiries about this and will update Council and Parish Staff Leadership soon. As the postcard will not need space for addressee information, it was recommended that additional parish information be included on the postcard – Council indicated that the picture side of the card was excellent.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: [Welcome Letter to Knights of Columbus Council 16011 from Barb Zdon for Pastoral Council is shown hereto].

Barb Zdon read aloud the letter of welcome to Knights of Columbus Council 16011, which she wrote and sent from herself on behalf of Pastoral Council to Grand Knight Chuck Graber. Council felt that it was a well written letter, also stating in which Commission (Christian Service) the Knights will be a part and to which they will need to report on a monthly basis.

CLOSING PRAYER: Victoria Kosirog led the closing prayer.

Following this, the meeting ended at 9:15 p.m.

The next meeting will either be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 2nd (in the Upper Room) or December 9th (room assignment TBD), pending further word about Fr. Paul’s being able to attend on the latter date.

*December Opening/Closing Prayer: Cabrina Attal
December Refreshments: Cabrina Attal*

Respectfully submitted,

Marlyn Ligner Steury
Recording Secretary



SAINT MARGARET MARY PARISH

ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Monday, October 13, 2014

Members Present: Tom Hill, Jeff Jameson, Michael Prus, Klaus Rummer, Sue Schroeder.

Members Absent: Chuck Marquis.

1. Opening Prayer: Led by Klaus Rummer.

2. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the June 24 meeting were approved “by acclamation”, without changes.

3. Discussion/Decision Items:

A. Communication with Pastoral Council

Prior to the meeting, Mike Prus informed the commission of the interest by the Pastoral Council to improve communications between the two groups. Marian Stricker and Neil Gorman agreed to attend commission meetings. Both Marian and Neil were unable to attend, so this topic was postponed for now.

B. Snow Removal contract proposal

The commission reviewed the proposal by Green Grass, who performed our snow removal services this past winter. Mike noted that Green Grass performed very well during a very harsh winter. Pricing did not change, except for salting services, which has varied over the years. Last year’s price for salt was relatively quite low, and this year’s price is similar to pricing by Falduto, our previous service, in past years.

The commission approved the contract, with one addendum, to extend the billing cycle period from 30 to 45 days. Mike will follow up with Green Grass.

C. Kitchen Policy

Mike had sent a draft policy in regard to the use of the kitchen near the Parish Center. This policy developed during the summer, after conversations with Comfort Care, PADS, and staff. Tom Cordaro and parish staff then developed a draft policy for review by Administration. The

commission approved the policy document, with one minor change (point 1, first bullet point: add “of the event” to the end). Mike agreed to coordinate communication of the policy with Tom Cordaro.

D. HVAC Equipment

Jeff Jameson reported on the difficulties encountered in the bid process for the Church air handler unit developed over the summer. There was an error made in specifications by the manufacturer of the equipment, which was revealed in the bid process. The appropriate sizing of the air handler unit equipment is in question, to match the church space, and also to fit into a tight squeeze in the furnace room. In addition, it became clear that replacement will be more expensive than anticipated. As a result, Jeff and Mike chose to postpone the target date for installation, as work this Fall became unrealistic. Jeff recommended that we consider having additional engineering work performed, to ensure the proper sizing of the equipment. Jeff agreed to prepare specifications for this engineering work, to be reviewed by the commission.

Mike noted the problems encountered, beginning in late August, with the air conditioning for the Parish Center area. After replacement of the condenser motor with a rebuilt motor, it took additional study and replacement of smaller equipment for the technicians to fully address the problem. However, as a possible benefit, this work might extend the functional life of the Parish Center HVAC.

Sue Schroeder and the Finance Committee, working with Jeff, will later revise their projections for use of Repair & Replacement funding.

E. Proposal for asphalt work

Tom Hill previously had conversation with the Men’s Club, as they are considering having asphalt work done on the Naper side of the facility (from the back entrance and up the ramp). Tom prepared a map showing this proposed work. The work would likely not be performed until the Spring. The Men’s Club would fund and organize the effort. The commission indicated its openness to the work.

Mike offered that the Men’s Club also might consider funding for other projects. Tom and Mike will be in conversation with the Men’s Club to follow up.

F. Scheduling future meetings

The commission agreed to meet again on Wednesday, December 10, at 7:30 PM.

4. Member Reports and Discussion:

A. Chuck Marquis: Absent.

B. Sue Schroeder, Finance: 1) The Finance Committee welcomed two new members, Helen Shirk and Henry Torres, both with strong professional backgrounds in finance. 2) The annual reporting of parish finances will be published in a forthcoming bulletin.

C. Michael Prus, Business Manager: 1) The wireless network was successfully installed in late August and early September. Bob Stezowski performed the wiring work and installed access points in the building, and also mounted the TVs in nearly all the classrooms, and Thomas Prus worked with Midco to set up the software settings for the network.

D. Tom Hill, Chairperson & Building Committee: The work on the chapel renovation will begin on Wednesday, and is expected to be completed by the end of the week.

E. Jeff Jameson, At Large Delegate: No further report.

F. Klaus Rummer: No report.

5. New Business: None.

6. Closing Prayer: Led by Sue Schroeder.

-- Submitted by Mike Prus

Report for November 2014 Christian Worship Commission

Terry Wagner

Lectors:

Quest Teens have done a terrific job in lectoring at the semi-monthly Quest 12:15 masses.

Two of these Quest teens have converted to become new full time lectors, increasing our number of teen full time lectors to five.

Hopefully this contributes to our parish goal of increased participation by our teens and young adults.

Gift Bearers:

Online sign ups for Gift Bearers continues to be weak. We ask all PC members to sign up their families and to spread the word.

Barb Ryan

EMs

5 new EMs were trained in October.

Some of our newly trained teens have served as EMs at the Quest Masses, and we hope to have more trained by year's end.

Sacristans

No report

John Schlaman

Music

1. Lumen Christi choir is going well. We would certainly welcome more singers.
2. Doing some background work to determine how/when to work in more young musicians at the 12:15 Youth Mass.
3. Starting the planning for Children's choir for Christmas.
4. Planning for Advent and Christmas..
5. Working with our new string ensemble. It is going wonderfully. Will play the Nov 2nd 9:00 liturgy. Will also have the group at 4:00 Mass on Christmas.
6. Working on getting extra instrumentalists for Christmas.
7. Have a 2 new young cantors this fall. They are very good. Have also picked up another excellent young violin player. Hopefully she can play for us for Christmas.

Taize is in the works for Dec.7th.

Also will have Naperville Men's Glee Club here on Dec 6th.

Gus Fischer

Greeters

We are in the process of doing the count of people attending our weekend masses. This count will be completed on Nov.2nd.

Also the Quest Groups are continuing to assist with greeting at the 12:15 Mass. The First Aid Kit has been installed so that it can be removed from the wall in the Library if an emergency requires.

The Paramedics we called at the 9:00 am Mass tthis past Sunday.

Deacon Ken Miles

Liturgy

1. Chapel renovation completed with glass installed, door placement changed to be more respectful to the Tabernacle, and chairs removed and rearranged to focus on the presence of the Eucharist. Tom Hill has donate most of the work and the Men's Club has contributed to pick up the rest of the work costs.

2. Altar Server training sessions schedule for Nov. 8, 9 and 15. Deacon Ken Miles will visit all 4th and 5th grade RE classes starting Nov. 1, before the training begins.
3. Advent planning has begun. Will use the Nicene Creed for Advent and Christmas, sung response to Universal Prayers, sung Kyrie.
4. Family Altar Servers expanding with new family volunteering at 10:45 Mass, 3 dates schedule.
5. Christmas Masses will be held Dec. 24 at 4 PM (Church and Parish Center), 6 PM Children's Presentation, 10:30 PM; Dec. 25 at 9, 10:45 and 12:15. This is the same schedule as last year.
6. There are now 4 people who are doing the Announcements/Introductions.

Mary Lou Krauss
Art and Environment
 No Report

-- Submitted by Tom Zakosek



CEC Ministry Reports for October 2014

PreK–Grade 5: Sue Davey

On Saturday, October 4th we held a special blessing of pets in celebration of the Feast St. Francis of Assisi. Due to the weather, the prayer service was held in the Parish Center.

The first parent only meeting for First Communicants was Tuesday, October 21st. Approximately 50% of the parents attended. The retreat is scheduled for Saturday, November 1st. So far, 47 children have registered to attend. Only three parents attended the planning meeting. I have reached out to those who couldn't attend to assign tasks for the event. Only 15 parents volunteered to help. If all of them show up we will have the program covered but just barely. The parent/child meeting will be November 11th and 12th. We will watch and discuss a video "The Skateboard".

Of the 41 parents who registered to attend the October 19th, Parent Sacrament Retreat, 24 actually attended. Those who attended appeared to be engaged and enjoyed the event. The series of First Communion blessings rites began the weekend of October 25/26 with the signing of the cross.

The Safe Environment program began Saturday, October 25th and ended on Wednesday, October 29th. Children in grades 2-5 viewed *The Safe Side – Internet Safety* and the K-1 grades reviewed the book *It's my Body*.

Deacon Ken is holding Altar Server training on November 8, 9 and 15. He will also be visiting all of the 4th and 5th grade classes during the week beginning November 8th through the 12th. During each class he will explain the role of a server and answer any questions they may have.

We will have a Children's Mass on Saturday, November 22, at the 5:00 Mass. Children in kindergarten to 5th grade will be invited to sign up for a role at the Mass. Registration information will go out November 3rd.

During the week beginning November 15th we will host a Catechist Open House. During and after classes catechists are invited to the RE office to view materials and crafts available for use during Advent. Punch and cookies will also be provided.

Youth Ministry: Dan Lawler

Our regular classes and programs have been meeting this month. Absences have been somewhat high this month at all levels because of extra-curricular activities.

We hosted Doug Bruno, a college basketball coach, as a speaker on Saturday, October 18th for junior high and high school families. There were about 15 people in attendance.

Our Peer Ministers have been meeting to prepare for the Freshmen Retreat on November 14-15. They will also have their own retreat at Dickson Valley Retreat Center the weekend of November 7-9.

High school groups distributed door hangers for Harvest Sunday and will return to pick up food donations on Sunday November 2nd. Junior high teens and adults will sort and pack the food for Loaves and Fishes and the Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry.

We are partnering with Mental Health Ministry to offer a presentation by NAMI on mental health awareness with teens and parents on November 24th from 6:30-7:30 pm.

Adult Faith Formation: Sr. Madelyn Gould

Book Study: On Nov. 2nd the group will gather to discuss LIVING WITH A WILD GOD. December book will be ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT by Erek Remarque

Bible Study: We have 72 registered!! All seems to be going well with our new leader, David Schimmel. Participants speak highly of him.

Business Breakfasts: Eighteen attended the panel presentation on Getting More With Less. The panelists (5 parishioners) did a fine job in explaining how and why they have simplified their

lives ... and the benefits that come from this practice. On Nov. 19th Frank Bucaro will speak about "Ethics Beyond Legality."

Evening Enrichment: Next presentation: Cultivating Stillness in the Season of Advent.
Speakers: Fr. Paul, Chris Corbett, Patty Curran.

Morning Enrichment: Fr. Joel Rippinger led the presentation on Lectio Divina on Oct. 8. Approximately 25 attended. Tom Cordaro will be the presenter on Nov. 12. Topic: All Are Welcome? Seeking to Love Without Distinction

Retreats: The Men's CRHP retreat will take place Nov. 8/9 with 7 participants. We will structure the men's retreat differently as we go forward. The women are recruiting for their retreat in January. Eighteen attended the Day of Quiet on Oct. 17 held at St. Procopius Abbey. The Ignatian Retreat ended on Oct. 24 with a Day of Reflection at Morton Arboretum. We have 13 registered for the 2015 retreat to begin on Jan. 26th.

Spiritual Direction: Twenty directees

Table for Two: Rev. Ken Potts was our presenter on October 26th. Topic: The Need for Intimacy. 16 couples attended.

R.C.I.A.: On Nov. 2nd our 4 Inquirers will be introduced to the parish community at the 9:00 Mass.

Library: Victoria Kosirog continues to keep our library in good working condition. Gratias!

Other: I will be attending a meeting in Milwaukee on Nov. 8th to prepare for the Spirituality Conference for the School Sisters of St. Francis

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Mental Health and Wellness: Jen Curtain

The focus of our last meeting was primarily our upcoming event, "Ending the Silence", which is the NAMI presentation for grades 6-10 regarding depression, mental illness awareness and stigma reduction. We will also be hosting a panel discussion for parents and adults in a separate, tandem session. Many thanks to Andrea Scheirer for taking the lead on this and to Dan Lawler for hosting this within his Youth Ministry calendar. Couldn't do this without either of you!!! This event will be on November 24th at 6:30 pm.

We also discussed ongoing communications to help spread the word about our Ministry and roles for our members.

All Saints Catholic Academy: Dr. Sandy Renehan

In the fall, Dr. Renehan and a team of parents launched RICH in CORE Values. The acronym RICH represents our values in **R**espect, **I**ntegrity, **C**ompassion and **H**umility.

Since this program was launched, all students and parents signed a pledge and many parents read the book, "**Raising Respectful Children in a Disrespectful World**" by Jill Rigby as part of this initiative. In January, the committee will include redefining Study Habits into Respectful Reminders and will put more definition into Saintly Acts which is a note from the principal if the student does something nice.

Community Outreach: Students will be doing a Feed My Starving Children packing session on November 7th. Also, ASCA students donated over 800 children books to the Head Start Preschool and Kindergarten.

-- Submitted by Janene Parisi

CSC Report: November, 2014

Work is continuing on a dual tract to organize a parish-wide intergenerational service project for the spring of 2015. Our first tract is to explore the possibility of hosting a health care clinic for members of the Naperville/Lisle community. If we cannot get an organizing/planning committee in place by mid-November we will go with our backup plan to organize a walk to benefit a local charity.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY: We had our meeting last night, 10/15 and we had 3 new client case assignments. We discussed our plans for the Annual Remembrance Mass and decided to once again have our Christmas Tree with Dove Ornaments showing the loved ones name and they can take this home ; we did this last year and it seemed the families appreciated this so we will once again put this together.

DAYBREAK TRANSITIONAL HOUSING COMMITTEE: Daybreak's new guest has found a part time job but we are hoping that she will be getting a full time job soon. We are preparing for the holidays and composing a list of clothing needs for the winter.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The newly formed St Margaret Mary Knights of Columbus Council 16011 met on Thursday October 23rd. After the meeting reports, it was adjourned for a roundtable discussion on our direction to establish a presence within our parish and community. Two activities we participated in during

October were the Knights of Columbus national Intellectually Disabled Tootsie Roll Drive and the St Margaret Mary volunteer Saturday at Loaves and Fishes.

NURSERY: Attendance for Oct. 5th: 9am: 4 kids, 2 families & 10:45am: none. Attendance for Oct 12: 9am: 4 kids, 3 families & 10:45am: 3 kids, 3 families. Attendance for Oct. 19: 9am: 2 kids, 1 family & 10:45am: none. Attendance for Oct. 26: 9am: 5 kids, 3 families & 10:45am: none.

PASTORAL CARE: We have 7 new pastoral care ministers; a total now of 31. Some of the newer ministers will substitute for current hospital ministers, give communion at St. Patrick's Residence, give communion at Season's Hospice and give a prayer service once a month at Sunrise in Naperville. I held a meeting in October for them and they are all enthusiastic to serve.

PEACE & JUSTICE ADVISORY WORKING GROUP: Our first parish social mission week of the year was held in conjunction with our over sea's mission speaker from Cross Catholic Outreach. A collection was taken to help with development work in Central America and other places around the world. In addition parishioners were invited to sign postcards directed to President Obama urging him to protect the legal rights and human dignity of unaccompanied children at our border (190 postcards were signed.) The committee is preparing for our next parish social mission week on the feast of Christ the King. We will be focusing on the issue of raising the minimum wage. Our **EARTH CARE** committee will be collecting old Christmas lights for recycling again this year.

PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE: About 30 people attended the showing of the documentary, "40". A discussion period was held after the showing .A variety of pamphlets on pro-life issues (abortion, capital punishment, assisted suicide) were available. Donations to cover the cost of the film and to fund student expenses for the trip to Washington, D.C. March for Life were collected.

SEPTEMBER CLUB: On Saturday, October 4, September Club members attended the 5:00 Mass in memory of our deceased members. Following Mass 39 members gathered together in the Parish Center for dinner catered by Rosatis and deserts provided by members. Father Paul led us in prayer. October birthdays and anniversaries were recognized. I request for volunteers for the After Mass meet-ups for Nov. 1-2 was made. In November we will meet at Quincy's Restaurant for Turkey.

Details will be in the upcoming bulletin.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: This month 2 individuals/families helped with automobile payments or insurance so they could get to work. Six others were helped with rent or utilities. Check balance still low, but we seem to get enough to cover our needs

-- Submitted by Tom Cordaro



November 1, 2014

Chuck Graber

Grand Knight; chapter 16011

Hello Chuck,

The Pastoral Council of St. Margaret Mary parish wishes to welcome the Knights of Columbus, chapter 16011. As you may already know, the council has decided that the Knights would best serve our parish through the Christian Service Committee. This will require the Knights to file monthly reports with the pastoral council through the C.S.C. and these reports will be subsequently shared with the parish. Also all fund raising projects will be approved through the C.S.C. so that there are no duplication of projects among the different committees.

The council understands that Deacon Ken will act as chaplain of the Knights of Columbus and he will minister to the organization in a pastoral way. The Knights had requested to have an installation Mass in the near future. I suggest that you contact Father Paul as to his availability to celebrate the Mass.

With open arms, St Margaret Mary parish and the pastoral council wishes to welcome you. We know that you will serve our parish as Jesus came to serve; with open hearts and open arms, keeping God in the center of all we do.

With peace,

Barbara Zdon

President of Pastoral Council