

St. Margaret Mary Parish, Naperville, IL
Pastoral Council Minutes
April 5, 2016

Members Present: Cabrina Attal, Tom Cordaro, Neil Gorman, Fr. Paul Hottinger, Victoria Kosirog, Janene Parisi, Brian Pelz, Carl Van Dril, Don Wenig, Tom Zakosek
Members Absent: Mike Newell, Jessica Schoder

In Council President Mike Newell's absence, Council Vice President Neil Gorman opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Room. Brian Pelz offered an opening prayer in the words of Pope Francis.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 2016 MEETING MINUTES:

Don Wenig motioned to approve the meeting minutes from March 1, 2016, as containing a correction to the "Parish Budget Preparation" section, with Victoria Kosirog seconding, and the Council approving these. The minutes, along with Commission reports, will now be posted onto the Council's online web page.

NEW BUSINESS:

Parish Town Hall Meeting (6/05/16): Although no Parish Town Hall Meeting was held in 2014-15 due to the fall Parish Convocation and spring Budget Presentation [at the Sunday Masses by Neil Gorman and Phil Samuels]. Council scheduled a Parish Town Hall Meeting for 6/05/16 from 12:00 noon- 1 p.m. This meeting will immediately follow the 10:45 a.m. Mass, noting that there will be no Sunday Masses offered at 12:30 p.m. during the summer months. The Parish Town Hall Meeting will be advertised in upcoming parish bulletins, in the Mass announcements, and through Constant Contact email notifications.

As part of this Town Hall Meeting, each Commission will be asked to provide a short report about 3-5 of its year's highlights, to be included in a Power Point presentation. Other presentations on the Town Hall Meeting's agenda will include: a parish financial report (by a Finance Committee representative); a communications update by the Hoc Communications Committee; and Q and A time.

At the May meeting, Council will continue working on plans for the upcoming Town Hall Meeting. The Town Hall will also include light refreshments.

AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Communications Committee: As based on the committee's work since October 2015, Carl Van Dril reported on the *Communications Committee's 2016 Communications Survey and Interview Findings*, which he had sent to Council in advance. Through survey and targeted interviews with parish stakeholders, the committee focused its recent work on the following:

- Understanding the current state of communication methods from current parish stakeholders, and inventorying current communication capabilities;
- Reviewing related materials, recommendations, and plans from relevant parish initiatives;
- Understanding the current [communication] “pain points” and opportunities with the status quo.

During the past couple of months (February-March), the committee sent out a communications survey to 43 Commission and Ministry Heads, with a 44% response received. In addition, the committee completed 14 of the 15 targeted Staff interviews, which directly focused on communications. Through these, an inventory of the parish’s current communication capabilities was completed about the following: email (through Constant Contact); the parish bulletin; Parish One Application; websites (SMMP, Youth with Heart); and social media. According to Carl, the committee has not yet started seeking communication-related input from parishioners.

The results below are a summary of all the input received from our Ministry Leaders and the Staff of SMMP. While many are satisfied with the current methods of communications in the parish, there is an understanding that our ministries could be more effective with improved communications, along with an acknowledgment about some existing communication "pain points."

- The most common methods of communications today include email (personal and Constant Contact), the Sunday bulletin, and face-to-face meetings. Satisfaction with these methods varies, depending on the audience and ministry.
- There is growing frustration about diminished Ministry / Program effectiveness that trace back to communications weaknesses.
- SMMP has access to many forms of communications, but use is uncoordinated and often ineffective.
- The capacity and effectiveness of the most popular communication methods with parishioners (Constant Contact email and bulletin) are often inadequate.
- Expectation for communications support is low. Suggestions and “pain points” point to necessary support.
- Benefits / opportunities for better communications methods are well understood (especially with the Staff).
- Ministries and Staff are “on their own” to figure out how to use and leverage communications.
- Communication Infrastructure Responsibility is “best effort” and highly distributed (except through the bulletin).
- Ministries are somewhat isolated. Few focus beyond the work within their own ministry, but some desire to do so.

With these findings as a backdrop, the Pastoral Council will focus its energy on making recommendations to improve the overall communications infrastructure of the parish.

Working closely with the Staff, recommendations will be formed to improve parish communications infrastructure capabilities in three primary domains: People (roles, responsibilities); Processes; and Tools. These recommendations will be formed over the coming months, with a target for specific recommendations for changes expected in early fall.

There was also discussion about the impacts of not having a Communications Coordinator, responsible for communications in the parish. Each Ministry Group and Staff Member appears to utilize communication tools within their individual “best practice” capabilities, with Youth Ministry being most adept with social media – nevertheless, many are “on their own” for communication. There does not appear to be much monitoring of the amount and type of email communications being sent out through Constant Contact; and there are concerns that some parishioners might be unsubscribing to parish emails due to possible communication overload. Concerns were raised about missing opportunities for communication, not reaching disengaged parents, and not reaching underserved groups (young adults, post-RCIA and post-confirmation groups, and college students).

Due to the parish bulletin’s 10-day advance publication deadline, there was frustration noted with the bulletin’s timeliness and effectiveness. As this multi-page bulletin is already very full, it is sometimes difficult to add more information to it, this becoming more problematic around Christmas and Easter. During 9 months of the year, there are 900 weekly bulletins printed; but, during the summer months, 600 weekly bulletins are printed. The weekly bulletins are also available and archived on the parish web site.

The parish web site continues to need improvement, in communicating functional information as well as about “who and what we are” as a parish community. The parish web site does not currently seem to be used frequently by parishioners as a main information source; and photo and video enhancements are also sought. Overall, SMMP does not maintain oversight to ensure adherence to Diocesan guidelines for communication.

Council was in agreement that the final two pages of the Communications Committee’s 4/05/16 report (“Recommended Problem Statement and Focus Area” and “Next Steps”) should be sent to all of the recent survey and interview participants. The Communications Committee will meet one more time before the Council’s next meeting in May. Neil commended the Communications Committee for their recent extensive work. He especially thanked Carl for his 30-minute presentation tonight and recognized Carl for having done much of the “grunt work” pertaining to the survey and interviews. Neil also noted the tremendous amount of participation elicited by the survey and interviews, followed by the committee’s analysis of these results. The committee is asked to continue its review, promotion, and thought about parish communication.

Parish Theme Evaluation and Survey Committee: Tom Cordaro reported that there were 147 online surveys completed as of 3/31/16 by parishioners about the Parish Theme and Calling, with a 4/25/16 survey deadline. In September 2015, SMMP

launched the “Hearts on Fire! Come Encounter Jesus, Embrace His Kingdom” Parish Theme and Calling and is currently trying to measure parish awareness and interest through this survey. Parishioner Kathy O’Rourke provided professional consult about the survey and its construction.

As part of this survey, interested parishioners can sign up to participate in a focus group during May 2016. According to Tom, 3-5 focus groups are ideally being planned to include the following: occasional companions; regular travelers; and direction setters. In addition, 1-5 facilitators are being sought for these groups, with a possible stipend offered to the facilitator(s). Although the facilitator(s) would not necessarily need to be a SMMP member, the facilitator(s) would need to meet in advance with the Ad Hoc Committee for background and guidance.

“WHAT ARE WE HEARING FROM PARISHIONERS” – DISCUSSION:

Fr. Paul noted that he received much positive feedback from visitors about the vibrancy and message from the Easter liturgies. Janene Parisi reported about the Religious Education survey, recently sent to parents of preschoolers through high school, which received many positive responses. Many parishioners are asking for service projects, and numerous Religious Education Program families expressed a need for family-type projects.

Fr. Paul reminded Council that discernment is needed about what the Spirit is calling us to do, along with our motives and actions needing to be authentic.

YOUTH MINISTRY REPORT: There was no report, due to Youth Ministry Representative Jessica Schoder’s absence at tonight’s meeting.

Following this, Council took a break from 8:15-8:30 p.m., enjoying refreshments provided by Brian Pelz. Brian was thanked for these.

PARISH VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER (1/14/17): Council approved 1/14/17 as the date for next year’s Parish Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. The date for this event will be entered onto the Parish Master Calendar.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Administration: [*St. Margaret Mary Parish Administration Commission MINUTES - Monday, March 2, 2016... were electronically submitted in advance by Mike Prus, a copy of which is shown hereto*].

FINANCE: [*MINUTES, St. Margaret Mary Finance Committee Meeting, Wednesday, March 16, 2016... were electronically submitted in advance by Mike Prus, a copy of which is shown hereto*].

Tom Cordaro and Fr. Paul noted that the Parish Center AHU (Air Handler Unit) is ordered, with its future installation moving ahead as planned. Work will begin on the new parking lot lights for the Naper Blvd. parking lot within the next couple of days.

Christian Worship (CWC): [*Christian Worship Commission Monthly Report to Parish Council – April 2016* was electronically submitted in advance by Brian Pelz, a copy of which is shown hereto].

Brian Pelz, CWC Representative, gave a “shout out” to all who were involved with the Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter liturgies – they were very well planned and implemented. Due to a communication error, the recent double scheduling of Baptisms and First Communion on the same Sunday was resolved.

Open items scheduled for review at the CWC meeting in May include: CWC By-Laws and Amendments (review and revision); online scheduling of Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Lectors, and Greeters through new available software systems; and improvement of the Gift Bearer sign-up process.

Christian Education (CEC): [*CEC Ministry Reports for April 2016* were electronically submitted in advance by Janene Parisi, a copy of which is shown hereto].

Janene Parisi, CEC Representative, reported that great feedback was received from Religious Education parents through the recent Parents’ Poll. Of special interest is that 80% of the parent respondents requested service opportunities within SMMP for their children and/or as entire family participants. Janene will be meeting shortly with Cabrina Attal and Carrie Tilton to identify possible additional Christian Service projects within our parish community for increased child and family participation.

Janene also emphasized the importance of highlighting SMMP’s relationship with ASCA (All Saints Catholic Academy), especially as one of its three founding parishes. She recommended that increased advertising about ASCA should be done in the parish bulletin, to also include information about the tuition difference available for SMMP student attendees. She recommended further follow-up with Anne-Marie Cronin about this.

Sue Davey, Director of Religious Education, is now back from post-surgical medical leave. In 2016-17, parent volunteers will be paired with catechists, helping to serve as classroom aides within SMMP’s Religious Education Program.

Christian Service (CSC): [*Christian Service Commission Monthly Report to Parish Council – April 5, 2016* was electronically submitted in advance by Cabrina Attal, a copy of which is shown hereto].

Cabrina Attal, CSC Representative, highlighted the Parish Sponsored Community Walk on 5/21/16 to benefit Naperville CARES. Registration forms for this will appear in the

parish bulletin shortly. According to Tom Cordaro, Naperville CARES will help with promoting online registration for this Community Walk with the outside community, starting on 4/15/16.

SMMP's Daybreak Transitional Housing guest client has moved to Texas, while preparations are underway for a new client.

St. Andrew Parish in Romeoville has declined making the commitment to become SMMP's sharing parish partner. SMMP "...has decided that, in the meantime, we would look for projects of limited involvement that people would find useful, and, if with another parish, might lead to further joint activity. We still intend to share!" More in-depth conversation is needed about Sharing Parish partnerships, which would not be a "twinning" parish relationship. Fr. Paul noted some interest in exploring SMMP's working with St. Dominic Parish, Bolingbrook.

Leadership Term Length on Parish Committees and Commissions: At next month's meeting, Council will continue addressing possible leadership term length limits for parish committees and commissions, due to concerns about longevity and turnover.

AD HOC NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE: According to Victoria Kosirog, nomination forms for At-Large Representatives on Pastoral Council are currently appearing in the parish bulletin, with submission deadline on 4/11/16. Announcements will be made at the weekend Masses about these nomination forms in the parish bulletin. Victoria reviewed her current list of candidates, including those for Youth At-Large Representative. Several council members suggested additional candidates for the Youth At-Large position. Victoria will contact them

Council members are invited to attend the Candidate Orientation meeting on 4/20/16 at 7:00 p.m. Incoming new representatives on Council are also encouraged to attend this very helpful orientation.

FINAL "WHIP" AROUND: Comments included:

- "Great meeting – sorry that I have to run!"
- "My heart's on fire."
- "For Baptisms, one more family is needed as greeters. Good meeting tonight."
- "Very good meeting."
- "Very good meeting."
- "Good work on communications – included all of the key elements."
- "New perspectives on communications."
- "Great work – kudos to all."
- "Good common threads about communications."
- "Thanks for every one's input – kudos to Carl – the Spirit is at work."

CLOSING: Brian Pelz offered tonight's closing prayer in the words of Pope Francis. Following this, the meeting concluded at 9:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 3rd at St. Margaret Mary Parish, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Room.

*Opening/Closing Prayer (May): Tom Cordaro
Refreshments (May): Tom Cordaro*

Respectfully submitted,
Marlyn Ligner Steury
Recording Secretary

**St. Margaret Mary Parish
Administration Commission**

**MINUTES
Monday, March 2, 2016
7:30 PM
Room 9 (COR Center)**

Attendees: Tom Hill, Jeff Jameson, Klaus Rummer, Bob Stezowski; Chuck Marquis
Absent: Mike Prus, Sue Schroeder

1. Opening Prayer: Led by Tom Hill
2. Approval of Minutes of October 19 meeting

Note: Minutes referenced next meeting date – we did not meet in November (no change in minutes required)
Minutes approved by acclamation

3. Discussion/Decision Items

- A. Lawn Maintenance

Motion to approve: Tom Hill motioned to approve Greenbrier contract at \$10,400 (April to December, 2016). Second: Klaus Rummer
Observations: (Jeff) Contract does not include irrigation but we do not have any irrigation so clause is not applicable
All agree. Motion passed

B. Parish Center AHU project

AHU for church has been completed but fan automation (speed control) is a slight problem. A small amount of total payment (2%) has been withheld pending correction by the contractor (Amber Mechanical).

AHU's for the parish center (AHU-4) and classrooms (AHU-3) need replacing. AHU 3 is basically an off the shelf unit but AHU 4 is a custom unit.

After Parish Council agreement, an AHU RFP was issued in early January, bids received and a contractor approved. Base bid was for the Parish Center unit, the Parish Classroom unit was bid as an alternate. Internal approvals were done Feb 10. Diocese of Joliet approval was completed on Feb 29. Premier Mechanical was awarded the job. Installation is anticipated for May or June. All long lead items have been ordered.

C. Parking Lots lighting and study

Contracts for lighting both lots with LED fixtures have been approved. Argo Electric was chosen based on lower cost, better fixture choices and better calculated illumination levels (photometrics). Argo has ordered materials, the south lot (Naper Boulevard side) will be installed first. The new fixtures are very energy efficient and should net lower electricity consumption with comparable (to existing) lighting levels.

The physical parking lot is forecast for major renovations in 2029. We need to learn more about the current state of the lot and what might be its longevity, and what our options might be to help us plan ahead. Mike Prus recommended hiring an engineering consultant – civil engineer – and formally evaluate needs and timing of parking lot repair and/or replacement. The Commission recommended that Mike contact Intech and any other firms we learn of and request a proposal. Tom Hill will check his sources for other consultants. No money to be spent on the consultants until proposals are reviewed.

D. Schedule next meeting(s)

The commission agreed to meet before the academic year ends on a date to be determined. Mike will send out a meeting request to establish a mid May meeting.

4. Member Reports and Discussion

A. Chuck Marquis, At Large Delegate
No report

B. Bob Stezowski, Building Manager

No report

C. Sue Schroeder, Finance Committee
Excused

E. Michael Prus, Business Manager
Excused

E. Tom Hill: Chairperson & Building and Grounds Committee
No report

F. Jeff Jameson, At Large Delegate
No further report

G. Klaus Rummer: At Large Delegate
Men’s Club is looking for ‘Christmas in April’ options. The Commission discussed potential options but no firm opportunities.

5. New Business: None

6. Evaluation: Outstanding meeting

7. Closing Prayer: Led by Jeff Jameson (intention offered for Mike to get well)

-- *Submitted by Mike Prus*

MINUTES
St. Margaret Mary
Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 16, 2016
7:30PM
Room: Staff Meeting Room

- **Present:** Henry, Mike, Laurette, Helen, Sue
- **Absent:** Jim
- Opening Prayer and/or Finance-related Scripture reading – Laurette

- Approval of February minutes
 - Approved by acclamation
- Review of contributions /financials – Mike
 - Collections are .92% behind budget and .88% below last year
 - Interest Income is \$3k lower due to the reduction in the Repair and Replacement Account
 - Unrestricted Donations are over budget by \$12.6k due to the rebate from the diocese from the appeal
 - All other accounts are within normal ranges.
- Budget
 - Budgets are due on March 31st
 - FC members will reach out to the commissions
 - Sue will update the budget with February financials and the submitted budgets and send to the FC prior to the April meeting
- Admin Committee News – Mike & Sue
 - PC HVAC
 - Parking Lots Lights
- Men's Club Audit
 - Laurette submitted the Audit Report to the FC.
- Parish Audit
 - Collections - pending
 - Collection Account - pending
 - Payables – pending
 - Payroll - pending
- New business
- Next Meeting – April 20th, 2016
- Closing Prayer – Laurette
- Helen prayer next meeting.

-- Submitted by Mike Prus

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Christian Worship Commission Monthly Report to Parish Council April 2016

No CWC Meeting held in March 2016. The next meeting will be scheduled for May.

Open Items:

- CWC By-Laws amendments will be revised, reviewed and voted on in May 2016.
- Review software and process used for scheduling EM, Altar Server, Lector and Greeter schedules.
- Review and improve process with establishing Gift Bearers
 - Brian to ask the Parish Council members to sign up to be gift bearers

CWC Chair:

- Provided updated CWC budget to the finance committee.
- Thank you to all of the Worship Ministries for providing beautiful and meaningful liturgies during the Lent, Holy Week and Easter season.

Youth Altar Servers: Nothing to report

Family Altar Servers: Nothing to report

Art & Environment: Nothing to report

Baptism Assistants:

- Working to improve communication to better coordinate and schedule baptisms and first communions. Current conflicts on April 10 and April 17 to be discussed.

Bread Bakers: Nothing to report

- There was healthy coordination between the bread bakers and the sacristans ensuring the quality and proper quantity of bread was maintained throughout Holy Week.

Eucharistic Ministers: Nothing to report

Greeters:

- A sufficient number of greeters were scheduled for all services held during Holy Week and Easter.
- Continuing to explore re certification training for CPR/AED. More to follow next month.

Lectors:

- Very proud of the team for their fantastic proclamation of the Word during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Added one more high school teen to our permanent lector ministry. There are now 11 lectors under the age of 20. The summer lector schedule will be out by April 15th.
- **Gift bearers** - still hoping for leaders of the parish (like those on Pastoral Council) to sign up their families to bring up the gifts. The form is on the parish website under "Mass and Sacraments".

Linen Launderers: Nothing to report

Liturgy Development: Nothing to report

Music:

- Thank you to all of the musicians who spent time with the extra practices and provided the

beautiful music at all of the services during Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

Sacristans: Nothing to report

-- Submitted by Brian Pelz

CEC Ministry Reports For April 2016

Adult Education: Sr. Madelyn Gould

BIBLE STUDY: The study of Luke's gospel ended on March 8th. To show their appreciation for Sr. Marianne's leadership, the classes presented Marianne with a monetary gift. Next year's study will focus on the books of Isaiah and Jeremiah.

BOOK STUDY: The book for February/March is JESUS A PILGRIMAGE by James Martin. Thanks to Ken Miles for facilitating this group.

BUSINESS BREAKFAST: Pastor John Gerike from Our Saviour's Lutheran Church inspired 24 participants on March 19th. His topic: The Parable of the Wedding Feast. (Mt. 22:1-14)

The committee will meet on April 4th to begin planning the 2016-17 list of topics.

EVENING ENRICHMENT: Fr Paul gave a well-developed presentation on March 16th. Topic: Holy Week: Walking Jesus' Journey in My Shoes. Thirty-eight were in attendance.

MORNING ENRICHMENT: Thirty-eight came to participate in David Schimmel's session "Breaking Through the Illusions of Life." As always, David's presentation was characterized by careful preparation and a creative approach. We will begin planning the programs for 2016-17 on April 27th.

RETREATS: Nineteen women attended the January 30-31 CRHP retreat. At this point, it looks like 16 women will continue with the formation process. Presently, they are sharing their Faith Histories. The men have six involved in formation.

Regarding the Preached Retreats that take place at Cardinal Stritch Retreat House in Mundelein, I am in search of a priest who will work collaboratively with Al Gustafson and myself. If the retreats are to follow the same format as in the past, we need a priest for Benediction, Reconciliation, Mass. On April 13 I will meet with Fr. Peck and Fr. Geoff from St. Charles to explore the possibility of their partnership. I also have some names of priests that Fr. Pat McDevitt recommended.

“Adventures in Contemplation’ led by Al Gustafson, will conclude its evenings and days of reflection on April 9th. As part of the session on the 9th, we will be discussing how the group wishes to continue.

RCIA: We had three (2 women; 1 man) who were initiated into the Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil. On April 3rd we will have our final class together, finding a ministry for each of the neophytes. Last year’s group served the reception at the conclusion of the Vigil service. We will begin a new group on April 6th.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: I am seeing 20 directees monthly.

OTHER: I am scheduled to be the Lay Reflector on April 10, 9:00 Mass

PreK–Grade 5: Sue Davey

Proceeds from the Square 1 Art fundraiser were used to purchase software to back-up our video library and a new folding machine.

This year we have 72 children receiving First Communion. Over 80 parents attended our last Parent Sacrament retreat on Sunday, January 10th. Our last First Communion Blessing rite was February 20th (lighting of the baptismal candle). Approximately 50 children registered for the First Communion retreat held on March 5th. Approximately 40 actually attended. The Bread Prayer Services on March 8th and 9th were well attended. Almost all of the children participated.

During my medical leave, Becca Siar successfully hosted the retreat and bread services. On March 23rd, we offered a special song practice for children at ASCA so they could practice the song and gestures before the First Communion Rehearsals. First Communions are April 9 (5:00), April 10 (12:30) and April 17 (12:30). Laurie Manzardo has agreed to photograph the First Communions again this year. During the week of March 19th to the 23rd, the 5th graders presented the Stations of the Cross to the classes. Maria Morgan again coordinated the Children’s Good Friday service. 7 children participated in the passion play and approximately 25 stayed after the service for crafts and a movie.

On April 27th, Jo Ann Jeffreys is hosting a dinner meeting for the Liturgy of the Word (LOW) volunteers.

R.E. registration materials for 2016-2017 will be mailed in early April.

Youth Ministry: Dan Lawler

We hosted our first annual Shamrock Shindig this month. We were hoping that this event would attract young adults from the area so we promoted heavily on social media and invited from outside the parish. We did not get much response that way and began inviting adults from within the parish. We were able to get drinks donated by local breweries and purchased dinner from Q Bbq along with an Irish band called the Whiskey Brothers performing. We were expecting this to be a fundraiser for our summer

service trips but only profited a few hundred dollars with about 50 people attending. We will most likely do the event again next year and promote both within and outside the parish.

Our junior high youth led their annual Stations of the Cross prayer service for the parish community on Monday, March 14th. Bridget Curran (and her family) organized all aspects of the prayer service and did a wonderful job! We had about 50 people attend including Monday night junior high classes.

This year we tested hosting retreats for our junior high youth. These were optional events and a way for us to gauge the value of making this a regular part of our program. The 6th and 7th grade retreats were led by young adults trained by the diocesan youth ministry office. Our 8th grade retreat was led by Mary Runger. We had 30 6th graders, 25 7th graders, and 22 8th graders. Overall, the feedback was positive and we are planning to include these retreats in our program for next year with some slight modifications.

We are beginning to promote our summer activities including Camp Rock and Xtreme Taste of Faith for junior high. Our high school events include the diocesan Youth Leadership Conference, Notre Dame Vision Conference, YNIA Service Trips, and a diocesan local service week Mission X. We are exploring offering some one day service opportunities also.

For the rest of the month, we will be interviewing the sophomore confirmandi as they finish their preparation for confirmation. Most interviews so far have showed the importance of a regular prayer life including Mass, family faith traditions, and serving the wider community. Our rehearsal for confirmation is on Monday, May 2nd and Confirmation will be on Friday, May 6th at 7 pm with Abbott Austin presiding.

We are working on planning for next year including a stronger focus on community and service events for all grades after receiving feedback from catechists and parents. We hope to finish our calendaring in the next couples weeks and communicate with our families before the end of the year.

All Saints Catholic Academy: Anne-Marie Cronin

The principal search committee has hired a new principal who will lead the school for the 2016-2017 school year after Dr. Sandy Renehan retires this June. Father Don will officially introduce the new principal to the All Saints community as soon as the background checks are complete.

An adult only Retirement Party for Dr. Renehan will be held on Thursday, May 12 from 7-9 p.m. in the ASCA school gym. Additionally, an Open House will be held in McSherry Hall at ASCA on Wednesday, June 1 from noon to 4pm for all students and families (past and present) to extend their thanks to Dr. Renehan for her years of service and leadership.

Lenten Service Project: All Saints school families contributed over 700 pieces of clothing during the 40 days of Lent that benefit the children of Hogar del Pobre orphanage.

-- Submitted by Janene Parisi

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**Christian Service Commission
Monthly Report to Parish Council
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PARISH SPONSORED COMMUNITY CHARITY WALK: Plans are well underway for our May 21st community-wide charity walk to benefit Naperville CARES. Registration and donation information will be published in the bulletin starting the weekend of April 9/10 with on-line registration and donation information becoming available starting April 15th. Promotion of the charity walk outside of the parish will also begin on April 15th.

Bereavement: The last meeting we had was March 16th and we had 10 new bereavement cases assigned to Ministers. We are losing 2 of our current Bereavement Ministers ... one is moving and one is no longer able to volunteer ... so we will be looking for replacements in the future. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wed. May 18th.

Blood Drive: Next drive is June 11.

Boy Scouts: No update

Charitable Contributions: All funds have been distributed for this fiscal year.

Daybreak Transitional Housing: Daybreak is in the process of refurbishing its apartment: painting walls, cleaning carpets and rejuvenating the furniture. Team members and the building maintenance staff have been very helpful.

Funeral Ministry: No update

Knights of Columbus: The St. Margaret Mary Knights of Columbus Council 16011 conducted our membership open house on Thursday March 31. We've had a very good

year to date, increasing our membership by 8 since last summer. At the meeting, the Joliet Diocese K of C Director presented a plaque for a "Double Star Council" award for membership and community service ... quite an accomplishment for us in our first year. Activities participated in March were PADS, Loaves & Fishes, and Hospitality Sunday. We are offering to lead a Religious Vocations effort within the parish, subject to Fr. Paul's approval. SMM Blood Drive is Saturday June 11.

Men's Club: We had 67 members at our last meeting. Some of our members attended the morning mass on Saturday following our meeting. Also a group of men continue to play basketball on Wednesday evening at All Saints Catholic Academy.

Nursery: No update

Pastoral Care: Deacon Fred Straub has been appointed the Diocesan Liaison to Hospitals, a new part-time position just created through the Office of Human Dignity. If anyone on Council or the CSC has feedback regarding pastoral care in hospitals, as well as all other independent living, nursing homes, etc., please let Deacon Fred know. This is a new position and they are starting from scratch so any input would be helpful.

Peace & Justice Advisory Working Group: Our next parish social mission weekend will be May 28/29 (The Feast of Corpus Christi). The theme will be "We are the Body of Christ for the World." For our advocacy focus we will be joining parishes across the diocese in urging Congress to increase international funding for the nutrition and health of mothers, newborns, and young children.

EARTH CARE SUB-COMMITTEE: The committee will be working in conjunction with the adult formation committee to promote the talk by David Spesia, "Caring for Creation." We will include some information/ display tables from the environmental group SCARCE, and we will publish a summary of the Pope's environmental encyclical, "Laudato Si," in the bulletin. The committee will also set up an Earth Day display in the narthex.

Pro-L.I.F.E. Committee: No special activities are scheduled. Ongoing activities continue: bulletin items, Baptismal cards, leaflet stand.

St. Vincent de Paul: Slow month. We helped a few families that we have helped before with utilities and partial rent payments. The check book balance is good.

September Club: On Wednesday, March 2, 2016, 24 members enjoyed corned beef & cabbage at Quincy's Restaurant in Naperville. Members opened with a prayer. Members were asked to remember those members who are ill in their prayers. March birthdays and anniversaries were recognized. In April we will meet in the Parish Center for a spring luncheon. Details will be in the upcoming bulletin.

Sharing Parish: While we would prefer to be in a Sharing Parish relationship with a certain parish, we have not yet found a new parish; St. Andrew Parish has declined to make that commitment. We have decided that, in the meantime, we would look for

projects of limited involvement that people would find useful, and, if with another parish, might lead to further joint activity. We still intend to share! To date we have sponsored an informational program on Social Security at SMMP on March 2 and are planning to present a similar program about IRAs as soon as it is possible to set a date. After learning about the possibility of a donation of seeds from a seed company, we looked for an eligible recipient, and are now in the process of helping Village Bible Church in Aurora obtain those seeds. Last year they ripped the grass off a hillside on their campus and brought in fill to construct 44 4' by 8' raised garden plots which were used by immigrants within walking distance of their church (from Congo, Iraq, Burma, Nepal, Bhutan, South Korea) with water, seeds, and the assistance of a master gardener provided. There were also a few Americans gardening with them. This year they are planning to add rain barrels to reduce water expense.

Six families from Aurora whose children have received tuition assistance at Catholic schools were asked if their children would be willing to speak at St. Margaret Mary about what that help has meant to them. All six families responded positively, even enthusiastically. Seven children are available to speak, so we are trying to figure out how to make that happen in a way that is welcoming and enjoyable for these families as a group and reaches the most parishioners.

The 2016 Garage Sale is scheduled for Friday, June 24; the reduced prices sale is set for Saturday, June 25. Donations will be accepted starting on Saturday afternoon, June 18, and will continue through Wednesday, June 22. Many volunteers are needed.

-- Submitted by Cabrina Attal
