

**St. Margaret Mary Parish, Naperville, IL**  
**Pastoral Council Minutes**  
**June 7, 2016**

**Members Present:** Neil Gorman, Fr. Paul Hottinger, Victoria Kosirog, Mike Newell, Janene Parisi, Jessica Schoder, Carl Van Dril, Don Wenig, Tom Zakosek

**Members Absent:** Cabrina Attal, Tom Cordaro, Brian Pelz

**Incoming Members Present:** Jim Chitwood, Mary Oliphant

Council met in the Naperville home of outgoing President Mike Newell. Mike called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and offered an opening prayer.

**APPROVAL OF MAY 2016 MEETING MINUTES:**

**Neil Gorman motioned to approve the meeting minutes from May 3, 2016, 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.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS:**

Mike introduced and welcomed the two newly discerned At-Large Council Representatives **Jim Chitwood** and **Mary Oliphant**, who will begin serving three-year terms on Council. Although not in attendance tonight, the newly discerned Youth Representative **Brendan Wagner** was at this past Sunday's Parish Town Hall Meeting. He will serve for a one-year term on Council. In accordance with the Council's Constitution, these new members could speak but not yet vote at tonight's meeting prior to their installation. Tonight's Council attendees then introduced themselves to the new At-Large Members.

The two new At-Large Members Jim Chitwood and Mary Oliphant will replace outgoing At-Large Members Neil Gorman and Mike Newell, who are completing their three-year terms on Council at the end of tonight's meeting. Brendan Wagner will be replacing Jessica Schoder as Youth Representative, with this being for a one-year term.

Mike thanked Victoria Kosirog for heading up the Ad Hoc Nominations Committee for At-Large Council Members, noting that excellent candidates discerned for this. This was Victoria's second year of heading this committee.

Although not in attendance tonight, **Julie Lomax** will be replacing Janene Parisi as CEC [Christian Education Commission] Representative. **Carrie Tilton** will be replacing Cabrina Attal as CSC [Christian Service Commission] Representative], who is vacating her representative term one year early due to an out-of-state move. Each of the Commissions decides upon their representative to serve on Council for a three-year term. As Administration Commission has not been sending a representative to serve on Council since 2012-13, Neil Gorman has been attending the quarterly Administration Commission meetings for the past couple of years and reporting back to Council about

these. Neil requested that, unless Administration Commission resumes sending a representative to serve on Council, another Council member should continue to attend the quarterly Administration Commission meetings as his liaison replacement.

### **DISCUSSION ABOUT DAYBREAK TRANSITIONAL HOUSING MINISTRY REQUEST:**

As a Daybreak Transitional Housing Ministry Member, Carl Van Dril requested that Council support SMMP's Daybreak Transitional Housing Ministry sponsorship resumption for a second transitional housing apartment. Approximately 5 years ago, SMMP had decreased its sponsorship from two to only one transitional housing apartment with Catholic Charities. This decision was made due to a reduced amount of parish resources available to fund both apartments at that time. While SMMP's Daybreak Ministry would still continue to sponsor one transitional housing apartment with Catholic Charities, Carl requested that SMMP's Daybreak Ministry consider entering into a new two-year transitional housing agreement with Bridge Communities of DuPage County for another apartment.

According to Carl, SMMP's current transitional housing ministry agreement in cooperation with Catholic Charities is for a two-year commitment, with each guest family previously deemed as being homeless. Through weekly meetings with mentor volunteers and a social worker, the guest family strives to gain financial independence, working through employment, education, and family/life issues. SMMP currently budgets \$1,250/month to cover rent and utilities for its sponsored transitional housing apartment. The SMMP Daybreak Committee maintains a separate budget supporting some additional variable costs, e.g. move-in expenses and car repair. SMMP's Daybreak Ministry Committee meets monthly about its transitional apartment and guest family. It also provides three volunteer mentors who meet weekly, along with a social worker, with the guest family.

Carl presented recent information received from Bridge Communities about their transitional housing program. Bridge Communities "...works in partnership with local faith-based and community action groups in providing transitional housing to homeless families that live and work in DuPage County." Some of its local Program Partners include the following parishes: St. Joan of Arc; St. Elizabeth Seton; St. Raphael; SS Peter and Paul; and St. Thomas the Apostle. Carl felt that Bridge Communities provides a program which is superior to Catholic Charities, not only in cost but in service provisions. The \$915/month apartment sponsorship through Bridge Communities includes a Bridge Communities-owned apartment, along with utilities, social work services, employment services, child support services, and other Bridge Community benefits.

SMMP would be eligible to become a new host parish through its Daybreak Ministries, with Daybreak funding a new guest family with a 50% Scholarship (Daybreak paying \$457.50/month rather than \$915/month for the first 2 years) and fund raising to cover any additional expenses and program support beyond 24 months. According to Carl,

SMMP's Daybreak has enough funds in its current balance to cover 20-24 months of a new commitment with Bridge Communities (in addition to its current commitment with Catholic Charities). Daybreak would also need to recruit 3 additional mentor volunteers during Summer 2016 to work with its new guest family in the Bridge Communities apartment. Bridge also offers an intensive training program for its mentors. Meanwhile, there would currently be no change proposed for the transitional apartment through Catholic Charities.

Carl noted that the decision to enter into a new Program Partner agreement with Bridge Communities is time sensitive, needing formal approval by August/September 2016.

**Council approved Carl Van Dril's proposal to direct Daybreak Transitional Housing Ministry to consider becoming a new Program Partner with Bridge Communities by entering into a sponsorship agreement for one transitional apartment with a 50% two-year scholarship. This Partnership Agreement would also be contingent on Daybreak Ministry's approval to fund this and to successfully recruit three mentor volunteers. Carl will request Pastoral Council to directionally approve Daybreak's Program Partner agreement with Bridge Communities in August 2016.**

Carl and the Daybreak Committee will be meeting with Catholic Charities on June 15 to discuss the current weaknesses observed in their support of Transitional Housing with SMMP.

#### **DISCUSSION ABOUT "RENEW: BE MY WITNESS" DIOCESAN PROGRAM:**

Council discussed the "Renew: Be My Witness" Program, offered through the Diocese of Joliet by Renew International. Its focus on evangelization is designed to: "...[give] parish leaders the process and tools to build an ever-widening circle of conversion and commitment in two integrated phases." Its first phase "...equips parish staff, leaders, and pastoral council to lead mission-focused change," and its second phase "...engages and forms parishioners as missionary disciples, ready to become partners in the New Evangelization." According to Neil, the parish's total cost for this two-year program, with all the materials and presenters' per diem fees, might be around \$4,000-\$5,000. St. Raphael Parish is currently using this program.

Due to our current three-year Parish Theme and Calling, which is already focusing on evangelization, Council decided that this program would probably not meet our parish needs and that its cost would not be a prudent expenditure. According to Neil Gorman, SMMP appears to already be "far ahead" of the other area parishes in the South DuPage Deanery in its evangelization efforts, parish theme, and missional directives.

Neil suggested that SMMP investigate the "Called and Gifted Discernment Process" Workshop Program instead, especially for its use as a follow-up to SMMP's CRHP ["Christ Renews His Parish"] Retreat Programs. Neil noted that Deacon Joe Ferrari already has some familiarity with the "Called and Gifted" Workshops.

As Neil represented SMMP at the South DuPage Deanery meetings this year, he requested that another Council Member continue to do so in his place during 2016-17. Meanwhile, Fr. Paul noted that he has recommended Neil to serve on the Diocesan Council in 2016-17.

**FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION ABOUT BRUCE AND VIRGINIA COX' PROPOSED "HOW MONEY WORKS" PROGRAM:**

Council had a follow-up discussion about the 3-4 part program proposed by parishioners Bruce and Virginia Cox on "How Money Works," as presented to Council at the 5/03/16 meeting. Although the Coxes had recently presented a session at SMMP about Social Security, Council expressed some concern that "How Money Works" attendees might incorrectly think that SMMP would be directly or indirectly endorsing any type of possible suggested investment, along with concerns that the Coxes and/or SMMP might receive some financial gain through this. It was also suggested that such a program might be better held at a neutral site, e.g. at the public library. Along those lines, Council questioned how this fits with SMMP's mission.

Council expressed their appreciation to the Coxes for their recent presentation, requesting that they return to Council at a later scheduled date with a more focused and detailed plan, including specific topics to be covered. Outgoing Council President Mike Newell will contact them about tonight's Council decision.

*Following this, Council took a break from 8:10-8:30 p.m., enjoying refreshments provided by Mike and Kristin Newell.*

**COMMISSION REPORTS:**

**Administration: [Saint Margaret Mary Parish Administration Commission Minutes of Monday, May 23, 2016 were electronically sent by Mike Prus in advance, a copy of which is shown hereto].**

**[Finance Committee Minutes – Wednesday, May 18, 2016 were electronically sent by Mike Prus in advance, a copy of which is shown hereto].**

According to Fr. Paul, the recently installed HVAC system for the Main Church has needed readjustment for hot weather temperatures. There are some cooling problems being noted in the Church Narthex. The Church Sacristy and Chapel are requiring an \$8,000 repair to the HVAC compressor and condenser, and the Parish Center's HVAC system has required a \$12,000 repair (covered by the Men's Club). Fr. Paul noted that he has approved installation of computerized controls for the new HVAC systems, investing the \$5,000 for this, which was recently saved through the Parish Center HVAC repair.

Administration is pleased with the new church parking lot lights, which were recently installed in the Naper Blvd. lot. The Commission has now approved the proposal to replace the Green Trails parking lot lights.

According to a recent evaluation of the church parking lot, there might still be many years left ahead before full replacement is needed, given some luck with the severity of winters and with proper yearly maintenance (seal-coating and crack-filling).

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

Brian Pelz, CWC Representative, was absent tonight. There were no questions posed pertaining to CWC or Brian's CWC report. The CWC met on May 26, 2016.

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

Janene Parisi, CEC Representative, shared 8<sup>th</sup> Grade graduation statistics for ASCA [All Saints Catholic Academy]. Of its 63 graduates, 79% will be attending Catholic high schools, with the highest number (32) attending Benet Academy, followed secondly by those attending St. Francis Academy (8). Fr. Paul affirmed that the new incoming principal Mrs. Melissa Santos (who will be replacing the retiring Dr. Sandy Renehan) is "very competent and dynamic." Fr. Paul stated that he would like Melissa Santos to be introduced to the parish and have her speak at an upcoming Sunday Mass at SMMP.

Janene and Fr. Paul noted the current difficulty in getting volunteer catechists for Religious Education, especially due to an increased amount of dual career working parents whose schedules do not provide a good fit for the after-school weekday class times. Some retirees in the parish are also volunteering as catechists. According to Fr. Paul, some modification of future R.E. Program class times "might be on the radar" for 2017-18, although no changes will take place in 2016-17.

**Christian Service (CSC): [CSC Report for June, 2016 was belatedly submitted shortly after tonight's meeting, a copy of which is shown hereto].**

Cabrina Attal (CSC Representative) and Tom Cordaro were absent at tonight's meeting. There were no questions or comments posed pertaining to the CSC.

[Tom belatedly submitted the CSC Report for June 2016 shortly after returning from his retreat, offering his apologies].

**Parish Newcomers:** Victoria Kosirog reported about some of the difficulties which she has encountered in attempting to welcome newly registered parishioners. One problem is that some of the recently registered parishioners have already been participating at SMMP for quite a while before actively registering; and another problem is that some of

the new parishioner registrations appear to have been done solely to register children in the Religious Education Program. She described a previously held Newcomers' Welcome Program, offering wine and cheese as refreshments, to which 100 adults were invited but which only 5 attended. There is also some concern about the timeliness of the registration information made available through the Parish Office, with a suggestion that this data be inputted via computer (rather than hand-recorded onto hard copy files). There was also some discussion about whether or not the *One Parish* app could provide some additional information about newcomers. Council expressed interest in trying to incorporate newcomer welcoming into Hospitality Sundays.

Victoria and Council will re-visit the Parish Newcomers topic at a later date in 2016-17.

### **AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**Parish Theme Evaluation and Survey Committee:** Four parishioner focus groups met during the past few weeks in May, with approximately 10-12 participants per group. Tim Duncan, President of Dot to Dot Mgt. Consulting, Inc., was hired to facilitate these discussions. Each of the focus groups met for an hour, to learn about what personal meaning and impact the parish theme and calling have for each participant.

The Parish Theme Evaluation and Survey Committee will look at the data gathered from the focus groups in an effort to better develop parish programs on a deeper level. The focus groups had good dialogue and input, with strong challenges noted. The Evaluation Committee will meet next Monday to compile data and notes. The Evaluation Committee will present their findings to Parish Leadership in September.

It was especially noted that the "occasional travelers" focus group members appeared to be very glad to be specially invited to participate. This helped reinforce the importance of personally "reaching out."

**ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR 2016-17:** Mike Newell led the nomination process for the offices of Council President and Vice-President for 2016-17. These terms of office would be for one-year commitments. Candidates for Council President and Vice-President are comprised of continuing At-Large Council Members, with the office of Secretary usually voluntarily filled by one of the new At-Large Members. In addition, the new At-Large Members and new Commission Representatives could not yet vote for nor nominate candidates at the June meeting.

The elections for 2016-17 Council President and Vice-President were held separately by secret ballot at tonight's meeting. ***Carl Van Dril was elected as President and Don Wenig as Vice-President. Jim Chitwood accepted the office of Secretary.***

Mike Newell was specially thanked for his leadership as outgoing 2015-16 Council President and Neil Gorman as Council Vice-President, as well as for their three years of service on Council. Although the Council had also provided gift remembrances for departing Commission Representatives Cabrina Attal (who was absent tonight) and

Janene Parisi (who had left tonight's meeting early), Council also expressed gratitude for their service. Youth Representative Jessica Schoder was congratulated on her recent high school graduation and upcoming college entrance at Arizona State University. She was also thanked for her participation on 2015-16 Council.

**PARISH TOWN HALL MEETING (6/05/16):**

Fr. Paul noted that each of the presentations were well articulated and summarized. There was good attendance, with 38 attendees. The Town Hall's scheduling immediately following the 10:45 a.m. Sunday Mass, along with its being held at the conclusion of the Boy Scout Troop's Pancake Breakfast, appeared to work well.

**PASTOR'S COMMENTS:** Fr. Paul informed Council that the "Pastor's Corner" section of the upcoming Sunday bulletin will contain his statement addressing the reasons for his allowing a parishioner to periodically hand out papers with her opinions, which are not vetted or approved by parish staff, council, or him; and that parishioners should not feel obligated to take or read these.

**FINAL 'WHIP' AROUND:** Comments included:

- "Very good meeting."
- "Excellent meeting – the Spirit is alive in our parish."
- "I hope that all of the new people come back next year!"
- "Great interchange and dialogue."
- "Welcome to the new people on Council. Great job, everyone."
- "Great meeting."
- "Great conversation."
- "It was a great year. All of your help has been much appreciated."
- "Continue your commitment to the parish."
- "Thanks to all of you."
- "I'm sad to be leaving but excited by the new members. Next year is set up for a great run."

**CLOSING:** Neil Gorman shared a passage from Scripture. Following this, the meeting ended at 9:30 p.m. Mike and Kristin Newell were thanked for hosting tonight's meeting in their home.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlyn Ligner Steury  
Recording Secretary

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**SAINT MARGARET MARY PARISH  
ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION**

## Minutes of Monday, May 23, 2016

Members Present: Tom Hill, Jeff Jameson, Chuck Marquis, Michael Prus, Klaus Rummer, Sue Schroeder, Bob Stezowski.

Members Absent: none.

**1. Opening Prayer:** Led by Klaus Rummer.

**2. Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of the March 2 meeting were approved “by acclamation”, without changes.

**3. Discussion/Decision Items:**

### A. Parking Lot Lights

Mike Prus presented the proposal from Argo Electric, to replace the current lighting in the Green Trails parking lots with LED lighting, for \$17,000. Commission members commented favorably on the lighting installed on the Naper Blvd. lot. The contract was approved by the Commission.

### B. Parking Lot Maintenance

Mike reported, following up on the request at the March meeting, to contact Intech Consultants, to explore a possible engineering study of our parking lots. Ed Seifert of Intech, an engineer who was involved in the initial work with the lots back in the 1980s, offered to review the property for free, and to discuss whether a study is needed. Mr. Seifert visited, and reported back to Mike. He said overall we are in very good shape. There are a few areas which need patching, but did not see evidence which indicate major base erosion. He believes a formal study is not needed. He recommended that we review the property every spring and anticipate maintenance each year. With good maintenance, and with some luck with the severity of winters, major work might be postponed for some years, and perhaps indefinitely.

The commission agreed to pursue maintenance work during the coming summer, and Tom Hill agreed to gather pricing for crack-sealing and seal-coating. Bob Stezowski agreed to cold patch areas as appropriate. We also agreed to continue to review the lots regularly.

### C. Town Hall meeting June 5

The Pastoral Council requests all commissions, and the Finance Committee, to have a representative provide a brief presentation of work done during the past year. Sue Schroeder will present on behalf of the Finance Committee. Jeff Jameson agreed to present for Administration.

D. Coke machine

Mike and Bob requested, after consultation with staff and others, to have the Coke machine in the Parish Center removed. Soda sales have declined and the cost of the products has risen over the years. The commission supported this request.

E. Parish Center AHU

Jeff reported that installation of the new air handling equipment for the Parish Center and for the surrounding classrooms is proceeding well. The major equipment was delivered and moved into place last week. Bob noted that crews have been present regularly for the past couple weeks. Mike noted that major installation is scheduled to be completed around the first week of June.

F. Scheduling future meetings

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

**4. Member Reports and Discussion:**

A. Chuck Marquis: No report.

B. Bob Stezowski, Building Manager: No further report.

C. Sue Schroeder, Finance: 1) The budget process was completed, as the Pastoral Council approved the proposed budget at its May 2 meeting. 2) The Finance Committee completed audits on collections and payroll in recent weeks. Information about the year's audits will be prepared for Fr. Paul to review.

D. Michael Prus, Business Manager: No further report.

E. Tom Hill, Chairperson & Building Committee: 1) Tom has continued to pursue repairs on the church windows, which have worked irregularly for some time. Tom recently contacted the manufacturer for assistance in identifying an installer. 2) Tom is getting pricing for addressing the vapor effect on one of the storefront windows in the Parish Center.

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

G. Klaus Rummer: Klaus noted that the Men's Club installed a stove and refrigerator in the rectory. The Men's Club is also looking for donations for the raffle at the parish picnic in September.

**5. New Business:** None.

**6. Evaluation:** A fine meeting.

**7. Closing Prayer:** Led by Sue Schroeder.

-- Submitted by Mike Prus

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AGENDA  
St. Margaret Mary  
Finance Committee Minutes  
Wednesday, May18, 2016  
7:30PM - Room: 11

- **Present:** Mike, Helen, Henry, Sue
- **Absent:** Jim, Laurette
  
- Opening Prayer and/or Finance-related Scripture reading – Mike
  
- Approval of April minutes
  - Approved by acclamation
  
- Review of contributions /financials – Mike
  - Collections through May 15<sup>th</sup> were .08% ahead of budget and -.17% below last year. There were no questions on the March financials.
  
- Budget
  - Sue presented the budget to the PC for approval at the May meeting. The budget for PADs was reduced by \$300 from \$800 to \$500. After a brief discussion, the budget was approved.
  
- Admin Committee News – Mike & Sue
  - PC HVAC
  - Parking Lots Lights
  - Parking Lot Maintenance
  
- Parish Audit
  - Collections - completed
  - Collection Account - completed
  - Payables – in process
  - Sue to send Fr. Paul an email on the results of the audit
  
- New business
  - Mike made the school endowment fund report available to the FC for review.

- Next Meeting – June 15
- Closing Prayer – Mike

-- Submitted by Mike Prus

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## **Christian Worship Commission Monthly Report to Parish Council June 2016**

CWC Meeting held on May 26, 2016.

### **Open Items:**

- CWC By-Laws amendments will be revised, reviewed and voted on in August 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 – Meeting Summary**

- CWC Meeting held on May 26, 2016
- Reviewed by-laws – requires one more meeting for finalization and approval.
- Lent/Holy Week/Easter Assessment
- Parish Town Hall highlight discussion
- 12:30 mass has been stopped for the summer
- CWC summer barbeque to be held in July
- Liturgical Minister Formation Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup> w/ Fr. Pat
- Thanks to all of the ministries
- Communication and commitment to the parish theme and calling
- Discussions about posting CWC in the bulletin or online.
- Central electronic repository for ministry documentation.

**Youth Altar Servers:** Nothing to report

**Family Altar Servers:** Nothing to report

### **Art & Environment:**

- Reupholstering the chairs, sanctuary and worship space adjustments to begin this summer. Tentative completion by November.

**Baptism Assistants:** Nothing to report

### **Bread Bakers:**

- Discussion about halting the baking of substantial bread for the summer, especially since there is no 12:30 mass and attendance varies week to week throughout the summer.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Nothing to report

**Greeters:** Nothing to report

**Lectors:** Nothing to report

**Linen Launderers:** Nothing to report

**Liturgy Development:**

- Discussion of Sensory Friendly Liturgy presentation

**Music:** Nothing to report

**Sacristans:** Nothing to report

-- Submitted by Brian Pelz



**CEC Ministry Reports  
For June 2016**

**Adult Education: Sr. Madelyn Gould**

Nothing to report.

**PreK–Grade 5: Sue Davey**

Classes ended on May 7th. We are accepting registrations for next year and recruiting catechists.

**Youth Ministry: Dan Lawler**

Nothing to report other than a great end of the year with Confirmation, last Peer Ministry events, and classes ending.

**All Saints Catholic Academy: Anne-Marie Cronin**

Below outlines the high schools the ASCA Class of 2016 will be attending in the fall. 79% of the graduating class is attending a Catholic high school with the majority of the students going to Benet (32) followed by St. Francis (8).

High School	Total	Boy	Girl
Benet Academy	32	12	20
St. Francis	8	2	6
Marmion Academy	6	6	0
Montini Catholic	2	0	2
Joliet Catholic Academy	1	1	0
Other Catholic	1	1	
Public School	11		
Other	2	1	1

Graduation was on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.

-- Submitted by Janene Parisi



## CSC Report for June, 2016

**COMMUNITY CHARITY WALK:** This year's charity walk was well planned and executed. Everyone who participated had a great experience and the weather was excellent. We raised approximately \$3,481.00 for Naperville CARES and we had more involvement from the wider community (including members from the Islamic Center of Naperville.) Total turnout was the same as last year (80-100 people).

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**BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY:** We had 12 new case assignments that were passed out. The date for our Annual Remembrance Mass will be, Thursday, DECEMBER 15, 2016. There will be a Grief Support Group meeting in the fall; dates will be determined later. The Bereavement Ministry will be presenting a speaker in October to talk about "Hospice, The When, What, Why and How?" or Palliative Medicine. What is It and Do I need It!

**BLOOD DRIVE COMMITTEE:** The Blood Drive was held on Saturday, June 11th. A big thank you to all who gave the gift of life by donating blood! And a big thank you to the Knights of Columbus for all of their help with signing up donors and working at the drive! Heartland was very pleased with the steady stream on donors all morning long. They collected 44 units of blood which will help so many people in need. Way to go, SMMP!

**DAYBREAK TRANSITIONAL HOUSING:** Carl VanDril will be making a presentation to the Parish Council on Tuesday regarding an unusual opportunity for funding an additional Daybreak family . We are also going through a change of ownership of our apartment complex and hope all goes smoothly.

**PEACE & JUSTICE ADVISORY WORKING GROUP:** The last parish social mission weekend of the year took place the final weekend of May. We collected 728 signed postcards to our elected representatives in Washington in support of funding for international maternal and infant nutrition programs. This effort was part of a diocesan wide campaign in conjunction with Bread for the World.

**PRO-L.I.F.E. COMMITTEE:** We will be offering Father's Day cards for a free will donation. Proceeds benefit Project Love, the charitable trust of Illinois Citizens for Life. Project Love provides small financial grants to mothers experiencing financial difficulties. Prayer service is being planned for October.

**SEPTEMBER CLUB:** On Wednesday afternoon May 4, 2016, 32 members gathered at 2:00 at Angelis Restaurant. We started our meal with a prayer. We remembered the passing of Father Tom Wolter. May birthdays and anniversaries were recognized. Watch for the bulletin for information about the June meeting.

**SHARING PARISH PROGRAM:** The Garage Sale will be held on Friday June 24, and Saturday, June 25, and the pre-sale for parishioners will be on Thursday, night, June 23 from 6 to 8 pm. Because we only have five students returning next fall and we are raising more money. We decided to ask the principals of each of our three schools to recommend another deserving student nearing graduation who most needed help. One application has already been returned and we expect the other two shortly, so we have not yet finished appropriating tuition assistance money for next year.

-- Submitted by Tom Cordaro