

St. Margaret Mary Parish, Naperville, IL
Pastoral Council Minutes
December 6, 2016

Members Present: Jim Chitwood, Tom Cordaro, Fr. Paul Hottinger, Victoria Kosirog, Julie Lomax, Mary Oliphant, Brian Pelz, Carrie Tilton, Carl Van Dril, Brendan Wagner, Don Wenig, Tom Zakosek

Members Absent: None

Council President Carl Van Dril called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Room, with the opening prayer readings prepared by Mary Oliphant.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2016 MEETING MINUTES:

Mary Oliphant motioned to approve the meeting minutes from November 1, 2016, with Julie Lomax seconding, and the Council approving these. The minutes, along with Commission reports, will now be posted onto the Council's web page. Council Secretary Jim Chitwood will provide a summary of the meeting minutes for inclusion in the parish bulletin.

DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR PARISH THEME AND CALLING TWO-YEAR PLAN:

Discussion continued from last month's meeting about the draft proposal for the Parish Theme and Calling Two-Year Plan, which Council and Parish Leadership Staff had previously vetted. Each proposed project, program, or idea within this two-year draft proposal still required a Parish Leadership Member to commit to overseeing its implementation and completion. Based on tonight's meeting, each of the ten main proposed projects, programs, or ideas now has a Parish Leadership Member volunteering to be its responsible leader. Some of these projects, programs, or ideas are already being piloted or planned for the coming "Year One" (January-June 2017), with further plans to be executed during "Year Two" (August 2017-June 2018).

Tom Cordaro will provide an explanatory write-up and distribute the task assignments, along with their respective leaders' names. He noted that the volunteer leaders' tasks might involve organizing and leading a sub-committee to accomplish the goal rather than requiring the leader to accomplish the tasks single-handedly. Tom stated that he will also help keep the leaders on task for their projected completion date.

PARISH VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER (1/14/17): Co-Chairs Don Wenig and Jim Chitwood provided updates about the Appreciation Dinner. After having recently obtained catering quotes, they have selected Angeli's, as based on their prices and previous year's positive experiences with them. Council approved a budget increase from \$3,100 to \$3,700 for this, which will include a catered buffet dinner by Angeli's and which will also include two servers to be provided by Angeli's throughout the dinner service (with \$200 for servers already included in the catering quote). Additional plans include the following: beer and wine to be furnished by the Men's Club; colored tablecloths to be rented; appetizers and desserts to be optionally provided by parishioner attendees (Victoria Kosirog coordinating their sign-up); and live music to be

provided by parish musicians and vocalists in “Off the Rails.” This event will be set up according to the new floor plan, which was successfully piloted last year.

Dan Lawler, Director of Youth Ministry, was already contacted about helping provide teen volunteers for the coat check and for help throughout the dinner (as runners and table bussers). Brendan Wagner, Youth Representative, will also help recruit additional youth volunteers. It was estimated that, including Council members, approximately 26 volunteers (Council members’ spouses, other adults, and youth) will be needed for this event. As this event will use *A Night in Italy* and *Thank You* as its themes, Victoria Kosirog will coordinate the use of balloons as additional decorations. Carl Van Dril will provide Christmas lights as decorations, too.

Set-up will start on 1/13/17 at 5 p.m. and will resume on 1/14/17 as needed prior to the event’s start at 6:30 p.m. Council will review additional Appreciation Dinner plans at the January meeting.

Youth Representative: There was no report by Youth Representative Brendan Wagner. Harvest Sunday and the Freshman Retreat were recent events which were successfully completed.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Administration: [*St. Margaret Mary Finance Committee Agenda – Wednesday, November 16, 2016... was electronically submitted in advance by Mike Prus, a copy of which is shown hereto*].

There was no Administration Representative in attendance tonight. Carl Van Dril noted that, according to the Finance Committee’s report, “Contributions are below budget by 3.79% and behind last year by 2.89%.” The Finance Committee has requested that Representatives from Council speak at all of the Sunday Masses in the spring about increased financial giving and stewardship.

Christian Worship (CWC): [*Christian Worship Commission Monthly Report to Parish Council -- December 2016 and St. Margaret Mary Bread Baking Ministry were electronically submitted in advance by Brian Pelz, copies of which are shown hereto*].

Brian Pelz, CWC Representative, reported that CWC is very busy with Advent and Christmas preparations. The Advent Prayer Exchange is underway, with parishioners’ prayer request cards available in the Narthex. Felicia Egan is transitioning into the lead role as Eucharistic Minister coordinator. The EM’s are updating their email addresses prior to signing up for the Christmas season Masses – they will start doing this through the Sign-Up Genius online software tool. Carrie Tilton attested to the ease in using Sign-Up Genius as a volunteer at her son’s school.

The front pews have been removed in the church according to plans, allowing for additional space needed with large groups and for caskets at funeral Masses. Fr. Paul stated that this additional open space is very helpful. Likewise, the Greeters have positively noted how the Narthex is more functional given the open space without

chairs. Brian noted that better communication to parishioners and to the Greeters about these changes within the church and Narthex can still be done through the parish bulletin.

Brian had also included an interesting report this month about the Bread Baking Ministry, as submitted by Brigid Harren.

Christian Education (CEC): [CEC Ministry Reports for December 2016 were electronically submitted in advance by Julie Lomax, a copy of which is shown hereto].

According to Julie Lomax, CEC Representative, Bible Study has recently completed its first semester and will resume again in January. Due to continuing low attendance for the adult Book Study, this group might be discontinued shortly. Attendance remains strong among the 45 participants in the “Adventures in Contemplation” program.

Students in the Religious Education Program are participating in a weekly Advent service prior to the start of their weekly classes. Tom Cordaro distributed some business cards for www.youngadulthcatholic.com to be passed on and shared with young adults in the Naperville area. Rebecca Siar, SMMP’s Echo Apprentice, is working with this program encompassing seven other parishes in the area, helping advertise meet-ups and activities for young adults (college-age through 39 years).

Christian Service (CSC): [Christian Service Commission Monthly Report to Parish Council – December 6, 2016 was electronically submitted in advance by Carrie Tilton, a copy of which is shown hereto].

Carrie Tilton, CSC Representative, stated that this month’s report contains some additional update information about Comfort Care Ministry (Funeral Lunches and Emergency Meals) and the Pastoral Care Ministry – these were provided at Council’s request from last month. According to Tom Cordaro, Kathy Kalina name is listed in the Parish Directory as the Comfort Care Ministry Head. Meanwhile, the number of funeral lunches has recently decreased at SMMP. It was suggested that information about these ministries be included in the parish bulletin.

On 11/19/16, Fr. Paul, Carl Van Dril, and Pat McAuliffe attended an event sponsored by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Joliet. SMMP received a distinguished service award from Catholic Charities at this for its Transitional Housing Ministry, being one of three parish recipients in the Diocese. This was also awarded to St. Joan of Arc and Immaculate Conception Parishes. Council viewed SMMP’s new clear acrylic trophy, which will be displayed in the Parish Library.

Following this, Council took a break from 8:05-8:12 p.m., enjoying refreshments provided by Mary Oliphant. Mary was thanked for these.

PARISH FINANCIAL ACTION PLAN: Finance Committee recently sent Carl a note requesting that Council members make another stewardship outreach presentation to the parish at all of the Sunday Masses on a date chosen around the upcoming income tax deadline date. [The previous stewardship presentations were made by Council

members at the Sunday Masses on 4/11/15 and 4/12/15]. Carl Van Dril, Don Wenig, Victoria Kosirog, and Jim Chitwood expressed interest in making these presentations at the Sunday Masses on 4/22/17 and 4/23/17. These will be given in place of a homily and will be reviewed by Fr. Paul and Tom Cordaro in advance. Council discussed having these presentations tie in with the Parish Theme and Calling in telling our story, while encouraging increased giving and the use of online giving through the automated ParishPay system.

Fr. Paul noted that the Bishop's Annual Appeal is scheduled in February. Council requested that a reminder about the year end tax deadline for making 2016 contributions to SMMP be included with the pre-Mass announcements and in the parish bulletin.

THREE-YEAR DISCERNMENT CYCLE DRAFT PROPOSAL: Council discussed proposed changes to the three-year discernment cycle, with Ad Hoc Committee members Brian Pelz and Carrie Tilton presenting recommended changes. Tom Cordaro will write up the proposed timeline for this, which should help Parish Leadership to better understand the discernment plan. He thanked the Ad Hoc Committee for their work.

POSTCARD OUTREACH MAILING TO COMMUNITY: Although Council had expressed interest in sending out a postcard direct mailing to the community for the Christmas season, it was already too late to do this, since a Christmas mailing to the registered parishioners had already been prepared well in advance. Tom Cordaro stressed that Council needs to "move quickly" with plans for an Easter postcard direct mailing to the community. Fr. Paul noted that the postcard mailing needs to be sent only to specific neighborhoods within our parish boundaries, although many SMMP parishioners live outside of these. The Communications Committee will design a postcard, planned as a "budget neutral" mailing to the community (as opposed to being sent to the registered parishioners). According to Victoria Kosirog, whose husband is a USPS postal carrier, the mailing cost per direct mail postcard through Every Door Direct is 18 cents. Victoria will help with set up postcard mailing parameters and obtain price information. The Communications Committee will connect with Parish Secretary and Bulletin Editor Sue Carroll about this.

The Communications Committee shared plans to train Greeters for welcoming visitors to SMMP, especially at Christmas and Easter. The Welcome/Information Table will hopefully be introduced by then, with copies of the parish Ministry Handbook also being made available.

"WHAT ARE WE HEARING FROM PARISHIONERS?" – DISCUSSION:

The kneeler by the St. Margaret Mary statue was never put back after its removal earlier this year. Brian will follow up on this.

This past Sunday night's Lenten Taizé service was very beautiful, although it was longer than usual and also contained "lots in Latin." One recommendation was to show the English translation for the parts being sung in Latin. Some of the poetry was also hard

to understand. Although it appeared to be well attended, Sunday's snowfall might have somewhat affected attendance.

Eighteen people attended an information meeting at SMMP [held on 11/28/16 with Exodus World Service] about how our parish can support refugees. Their next meeting is scheduled in late January. This group might spur the formation of a new committee, with some members appearing to have a passionate interest in refugee assistance.

There was some concern raised about the possible lack of sensitivity in removing some parishioners' names from the Prayers for the Sick during Mass and instead listing them on a back page in the parish bulletin. This change was made due to the growing list of names [recently up to 25+] being announced during the Sunday Masses. Fr. Paul stated that names are traditionally announced in prayer requests for the sick during Mass for only two weeks. It was recommended that some additional explanation be provided about this in the bulletin, along with listing the names "of those who continue to need our prayers due to sickness." The Liturgy Development Committee will discuss this, in an attempt to include the names of the sick in a more sensitive manner.

OTHER:

Family Service Project: Carrie Tilton reported about a recent family service project held last week at SMMP for blanket-making. This 2-hour long service project event yielded 184 blankets and also included pizza for the participants. The blankets were made for Ronald McDonald House, the Linus Foundation, and PADS. The event was deemed a big success.

Our Parish Family Album: Tom Cordaro requested that pictures of recent parish-related activities be submitted to him. These will be included in a digital parish family album, which is ongoing.

Operation Wrap: Some directional signs are needed about where to drop off new toys near the Teen Center for Operation Wrap [to be wrapped on 12/12-12/14 by the junior high students, their parents, and other parishioners for 0-14 year old children in hospitals throughout the Chicago area].

Church Temperature: Some parishioners have complained that the temperature in the church seems too cool since installation of the new HVAC system. Fr. Paul noted that there are fewer episodes of parishioners fainting when the temperature is kept somewhat cooler.

FINAL "WHIP" AROUND: Comments included the following:

- "Good meeting."
- "Lots of good discussion."
- "Lots done."
- "We got thru lots of work."
- "Good meeting."
- "New items handled."
- "Impressed that every task [in the Two-Year Plan] now has ownership."

- “Good meeting.”
- “Action packed, as always.”
- “Thanks, Tom, for your guidance.”
- “Good meeting.”

CLOSING: Mary Oliphant offered a closing prayer. Following this, the meeting concluded at 9:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, in the Upper Room, starting at 7:00 p.m.

January Opening/Closing Prayer: Carrie Tilton
January Refreshments: Carrie Tilton

Respectfully submitted,

Marlyn Ligner Steury
 Recording Secretary

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

- **Present:** Helen, Laurette, Jeff, Mike, Sue
- **Absent:** Henry
- Opening Prayer and/or Finance-related Scripture reading – Laurette
- Approval of October minutes
 - Approved by affirmation
- Review of contributions /financials – Mike/Sue
 - Contributions are below budget by 3.79% and behind last year by 2.89%. The PC will discuss making a presentation at Mass about collections.
 - Mike will look into the variance in the priests salary account and extra priests
- Admin Committee News – Mike & Sue
 - Made last payment for the HVAC. System is under warranty for one year.

- New Phone System
 - Mike has been working with Dave Schwartz on designing a new phone system. We looked at initial proposals for buying versus lease and recommended the purchase option. Mike will continue the discovery. We believe this should be funded with funds from the Repair and Replacement fund.
- Men's Club Audit
 - Laurette and Helen will contact Adrian for a January audit.
- Payables Audit
 - Helen completed the audit and has submitted a report.
- Report to Fr. Paul
 - Sue will write this report and submit to Fr. Paul. It will cover the collection, counting, salary and payables audit.
- December meeting schedule
 - Next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 14th. Mike will present the first draft of the 2017-18 projections.
- New business
 - Communications director. The PC met on this and we expect there will be communication between the FC and PC.
 - Daybreak reports – Carl VanDril submitted reports on the Daybreak activity.
 - We have been notified that the diocese will perform an audit in December.
 - Jeff will take the December prayer.
- Closing Prayer – Laurette

Finance Committee Meeting Schedule
Wednesday, December 14th, 2016
Wednesday, January 18th, 2017
Wednesday, February 15th, 2017
Wednesday, March 15th, 2017
Wednesday, April 19th, 2017
Wednesday, May 17th, 2017
Wednesday, June 21st, 2017



Open Items:

- CWC By-Laws amendments revisions continued discussion. A vote on the amendments is pending.
- Review and improve process with establishing Gift Bearers

CWC Chair:

- No November CWC Meeting

Youth Altar Servers:

- Nothing to report

Family Altar Servers:

- Nothing to report

Art & Environment:

- Nothing to report

Bread Bakers:

- With decreased attendance, the amount of baked bread for 10:45 mass has been decreased from 400 to 350 pieces.
- Some history of the Bread Baking ministry provided by Brigid. (separate attached document)

Eucharistic Ministers:

- Barb is supporting Felicia as she transitions into the EM lead role. The EMs have been notified about updating their email addresses. This week (once the Jan 1 schedule is finalized) an email will be sent to all the EMs about signing up for the Christmas season masses using the Sign-Up Genius.

Greeters:

- Greeters are preparing for Christmas to be sure that all of the Masses are covered.
- Further discussions pending with Brian Pelz about the children books.
- Some feedback from parishioners who liked the chairs in the back of the church.

Lectors:

- The lector schedule for Jan-April was released the week of November 28.

Linen Launderers:

- Nothing to report

Liturgy Development:

- Established and implemented the Advent prayer intention initiative.
- Prepared the November memorial shrine.
- The front pew area has been opened up in the worship space.
- Replenish children's books in the library. Discussions with greeters in progress.

Music:

- Advent Taizé service on December 4th.

Sacristans:

- Nothing to report

Submitted by Brian Pelz



St. Margaret Mary Bread Baking Ministry

This is a write up by Brigid Harren providing some history and details about the Bread Baking Ministry here at SMMP. Thank you Brigid.

The bread baking ministry began about 10 years ago. It started as just baking for the 3 days of Easter.

Shortly after Fr Paul came to Margaret Mary, the Liturgy Committee decided that they wanted to use substantial bread. Fr Paul liked the idea, so it came into being. Eventually, baked bread ended up being baked for the 10:45 Sunday Mass and at Easter time.

We have 7 people who now volunteer their baking talents for this Ministry. We bake between 300-350 pieces, including a round for the priest to use.

Initially there were some comments about the substantial bread tasting different or concerns that it produces crumbs, but there have not been any comments for a while now.

During the 1st year the excess bread was frozen to be thawed for later use, but this practice was discontinued because the recipe did not hold up well. Fresh bread is baked every week for Sunday use.

One of the biggest obstacles in this ministry has to do with properly determining the amount of baked bread to make without any going to waste.

It is a rewarding Ministry, and one that I and the other ministers are proud to be involved in.

Brigid Harren

-- *Submitted by Brian Pelz*

CEC Ministry Reports For December 2016

Adult Education: Sr. Madelyn Gould

BIBLE STUDY – The first semester study of Isaiah ended on November 8th. The second semester study will focus on Jeremiah. Attendance remains strong.

BOOK STUDY - The group is not meeting in December. We are looking for additional members for the book study group. After 10 years, we might have to discontinue this offering due to lack of attendance.

BUSINESS BREAKFASTS –Twenty-eight were out to hear Frank Bucaro speak on 19th on Lighten Up! Life is Good! Spirit was high!

EVENING ENRICHMENT- 'Attitudes of Gratitude' was our theme for the interfaith panel on November 16th (7:00-9:00 pm) Nine different religions were represented. All addressed three questions: How does your faith foster attitudes of gratitude; What prayers and rituals do you have associated with thanksgiving, How do your families celebrate Thanksgiving. No charge for this presentation. The presentations were profound, offering a sacred feeling to the gathering. We have so much in common! Thank you notes from the panelists were moving. All were grateful for the opportunity to participate. Twenty-five attended, not all from SMMP

Fr. John Cusick is our December speaker – Topic: “An Adult Appreciation of the Christmas Story.’

MORNING ENRICHMENT – On November 9th four parishioners spoke about their experience of Prayer Beyond the Prayerbook....another sacred event in the COR Center. Presentations were inspiring. Sr. Sallie Latkovich CSJ will speak on “Mary: Ever-Present” Wednesday, December 7th. Sallie will focus on the Church's present view of Mary and Marian devotions.

RETREATS – There will be no Men's CRHP in 2016. Although the men did a parish-wide mailing, inviting men to the retreat, there were not enough responses to go forward. As for the women, thirteen are preparing to give the retreat. Invitations were sent last week to approximately 200 parishioners. Follow-up phone calls are being made. To date, seven have registered. Regarding the Parish Mission, the committee continues its planning sessions every 6 wks.

As for “Adventures in Contemplation,” attendance is strong among the 45 participants who choose to come twice a month to deepen their spirituality. In January and February we will be studying the Enneagram as an instrument of spiritual growth.

Seven are making the Advent At-Home Retreat. The group is smaller due to the fact that many 'regulars' are in the Contemplation group.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: I am presently seeing 12 directees.

RCIA- The 7 Inquirers were introduced at the 9:00 Mass on October 30. They were also be presented symbols of our faith – a Bible and Cross.

OTHER: Marcia Mackenbrock and I gave an Afternoon of Reflection for the Joliet Diocese R.E. leaders on Dec. 1st. 79 were in attendance.

PreK–Grade 5: Sue Davey

On Tuesday, November 1st, we had a Mass at 4:00 to celebrate the Feast of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation. Classes were cancelled so that children could attend Mass. Attendance was low and it was difficult to get three volunteers to handle the readings. Father Paul has visited all of the First Reconciliation preparation classes during the month of November. The first night of the parent/child reading was poorly attended (only 13 families). The second night was better attended. Sixty one children shared in the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on November 29th and 30th. Two additional priests were scheduled to assist Father Paul each evening. Unfortunately, on the second night only one showed up.

On Saturday, November 19th, the children in grades 1 to 5 hosted the 5:00 Mass. Unfortunately, only 12 children volunteered to participate. We are brainstorming ideas to improve participation in the next Mass February.

During Advent we will have a prayer service at the end of every class session. We will light the Advent Wreath and our 4th graders will prepare the ornaments for our Jesse tree.

Due to health issues, two catechists resigned. One of the catechists taught two classes. Fortunately, parents have stepped forward to cover the classes.

Invitations were sent to all families (including ASCA) to participate in the Christmas Eve children's Mass. So far almost 30 children have volunteered to participate. This seems to be an improvement over the past few years.

Youth Ministry: Dan Lawler

We held our annual Harvest Sunday food drive in November with the help of our junior high and high school families. We had some discrepancies with the numbers but collected at least 15,000 pounds of food and possibly as much as 20,000 for Loaves and Fishes and the Marie Wilkinson food pantries. This will help keep them stocked throughout the holidays and they continue to serve more and more people in the community.

Our Freshman Retreat was November 11th and 12th and led by our Peer Ministers. Our focus was on the Emmaus Story and included many opportunities for the participants to Encounter Jesus in story, prayer, and conversation. One of the many benefits was helping our small groups to get to know each other better and grow closer as a small community. We also had an amazing team of leaders who spent weeks preparing to facilitate discussions, share witness talks, and lead large group activities. Overall, this was a very positive experience for our freshmen and peer ministers.

Becca, our Echo Apprentice, coordinated an event featuring speaker Sr. Alicia Torres and a dessert bake-off. Sr. Alicia shared about her call to a religious vocation, her journey of discernment, and some of the experiences she has had over the years, including winning a "Chopped" competition on the Food Network. Parishioners were

also invited to bake desserts that would be tasted and judged. There were over 100 people present for the event.

We are beginning to plan for Confirmation Retreat which will take place February 24-25. We have been receiving applications for small group leaders and directors for the team and will meet throughout December, January, and February to prepare. Our focus will be on the 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit and how they can continue to Embrace His Kingdom as disciples after Confirmation.

Operation Wrap is our annual junior high toy drive, supporting shelters and hospitals throughout the Chicago area. Junior high youth and other parishioners will donate toys and gifts, which will be wrapped the week of December 12-14th.

We are hosting our second annual Cookies & Carols prayer service and social on Wednesday December 21st at 4 pm. We have several Religious Education and Youth Ministry families who are helping to put on the event, including reading, singing, and serving. Anyone is welcome to attend. This is a wonderful way to refocus ourselves for Christmas!

All Saints Catholic Academy: Anne Marie-Cronin

Great things are happening at All Saints Catholic Academy! Bishop Conlin recently visited the school and said Mass. The students had a surprise birthday party in his honor.

The fall brought a few pep rallies and a "Trunk or Treat" trick-or-treating event in the school parking lot.

This Christmas season, the students are donating items for needy orphans. The Jr. High students are doing a toy drive and will celebrate their success with a dance on December 16th.

- Submitted by Julie Lomax

**Christian Service Commission
Monthly Report to Parish Council
December 6, 2016**

Bereavement:

We had our meeting on Nov. 16th and had our final plans for the Remembrance Mass and the 13 Days of Christmas Project was discussed. Our Remembrance Mass will be on Thursday at 7:00PM on December 15th.
(Submitted by Patti McGehee)

Blood Drive:

Heartland Blood Center collected 31 pints of blood from the generous parishioners at St. Margaret Mary and also from some other nice people who saw our sign on Naper Blvd and came in to donate.

Our next blood drive is currently scheduled for June 10, 2017 and our Knights of Columbus will again be supporting this worthy cause.
(Submitted by Joan Allemeier)

Boy Scouts (Troop 507):

Several scouts from Troop 507 served as uniformed color guard at the SMMP Veteran's Day service on Sunday, Nov. 6th.
(Submitted by Ramona Vaikutis)

Charitable Contributions:

The November meeting of the Charitable Contributions Committee (CCC) was held on Tuesday November 8, 2016. The second Tuesday of each month at 7:15 pm is the CCC regular meeting time.

Actions Taken:

Eight not-for-profit organizations were visited and reviewed by CCC members, resulting in a total of \$18,000 being awarded to those organizations at the November meeting.

The Committee has made the decision to cap any one award to an organization within a fiscal year at a maximum of \$2,500.

Next Meeting (12-13-16) Preview:

Two additional organizations have actions pending for the December 13th meeting, with a possible third organization review pending any remaining funds after the December meeting.

(Submitted by Joe Straka)

Christmas Giving Tree:

Our pre-registration period ended on November 17th. This was followed by a mailing to all those who participated. Our Christmas Giving Tree Sign-Up weekend will take place the weekend of December 3/4. The gift drop off day will be Saturday, December 17th in the parish center from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon.

(Submitted by Tom Cordaro)

Comfort Care Ministry (Funeral Luncheons, Emergency Meals):

I had one Funeral Luncheon during November. 40 - 50 were expected and about 50 came. My committee is providing cookies and punch for the reception following the Mass of Remembrance on December 15 at 7:00.

I will be putting a write up about The Funeral Luncheon in the Bulletin between now and the beginning of the year to make parishioners aware of the service.

(Submitted by: Kathy Kalina)

-Emergency Meal Overview-

1. If a parishioner needs temporary help with meals (or knows of someone else who does) they can call Kathy Kalina's phone number listed in the SMMP directory. Kathy would then talk to the person/family in need to assess their needs and then activate her list of volunteers to provide meals.

2. If the parish office is called directly, our staff will make contact with the identified parishioner(s) to confirm/assess the need. If confirmed, the office would contact Kathy who in turn would talk to the person/family to assess their needs and activate her list of volunteers.

Kathy is now planning to put an overview of this service in the bulletin to raise awareness (along with funeral luncheons). *Many of her past meal requests have been for priests or for people in need (some parishioners, some non-parishioners) requested by parishioners or staff.*

(Overview Submitted by Tom Cordaro, additions made by Kathy Kalina/Carrie Tilton phone conversation)

Cub Scouts (Pack 507):

Cub Master - Wayne Klein

Asst. Cub Master - Tim Tilton

Committee Chairman - Brian Burgner

November Pack Meeting - Hosted US Marines at SMMP for uniform inspection and Toys-4-Tots charity collection – two long tables were piled high with toys!

There was a trash pickup at Hidden Lakes in Glen Ellyn on November 5th.

December Pack Meeting - Boys will visit 2 different senior living facilities and sing Christmas carols and share baked goods with the residents. A Christmas celebration will then follow at SMMP.

(Submitted by Tim Tilton)

Daybreak Transitional Housing:

We are trying to adjust to our families. For many of them, this is a difficult time of the year as they have been through many changes in their lives. Our case managers and committee members try to make it better for them. The Contemporary Choir has once again adopted our families to provide fun, food and necessities that might be beyond their financial means.

(Submitted by Pat McAuliffe)

Knights of Columbus:

Activities for November 2016

- Knights co-hosted Estate Law Planning Seminar for Parish members on November 10th.
- K of C Council Business Meeting on November 17th.
- Knights helped with clean-up and dirty laundry delivery at PADS on November 18th.

- Knights brought up gifts at Masses on November 19th & 20th.
- Knights hosted Talk, Meet and Greet with our Seminarian Max Behna at all Masses on November 27th & 28th.
- Knights sponsored "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest at All Saints Academy starting on November 28th.
(Submitted by Dan Patt)

Men's Club:

We held our Annual Fall Dinner at Maggiano's on Nov.5th with 54 present. We held our monthly meeting with 67 members and 2 new members present. We play Basketball at All Saints Academy on Wednesday evening and had 14 present. We held our Fall Card night on Nov.18th with 34 present.
(Submitted by Gus Fischer)

Nursery: No report
(Ministry leader Cailin Ramirez)

Pastoral Care: <OVERVIEW>

We have 31 Pastoral Care Ministers who do the following:

- 1) Hospital visits---every Monday-5-6 give communion to all Catholics at Edward Hospital--every parish in Naperville has a different day of the week.
- 2) Several ministers make weekly homebound visits to singles and/or couples who cannot attend Mass because of illness or rehabilitation; some of the homebound never can attend Mass but are served each week with Communion. We, of course, rely on relatives or the homebound to let us know.
- 3) I visit Seasons Hospice 2-3 days a week to give Communion to both patients and relatives and/or pray with them and/or bless their bodies with a special prayer authored by Joyce Rupp an internationally famous author.
- 5) As of July 1, I assumed duties on a part time paid basis with the Diocese to improve communication between parishes, if needed, and patients to assure that they are given the sacraments during their illness or hospital stay. The position was created by the Bishop, who was concerned parishes were not serving their parishioners. I have already surveyed some of the 8 Deaneries of Priests and introduced myself at their meetings (including Fr. Paul's), and I have surveyed some Deacons and some Spiritual Care Directors of some hospitals. I also was asked to join the Ethics Committee of Advocate St. Joseph Hospital in Joliet.
- 6) I have had a permanent notification on the cover of our weekly bulletin informing our parishioners that if they contact our parish office, we will assure them our Pastoral Care Ministers and/or clergy will make sure their relative or that they themselves will receive the sacraments.

7) 2-3 SMMP Pastoral Care Ministers hand out Communion each week at St. Patrick's Residence.

8) Several Pastoral Care Ministers hold a Communion Service each Sunday for residents of Sunrise of Naperville on Chicago Ave.

9) We have 2 ciboria in the tabernacle, which are special small containers for consecrated hosts used for the ill. They are used only by the Pastoral Care Ministers. (Overview Submitted by Deacon Fred Straub)

Peace & Justice Advisory Working Group:

Our Fair Trade Christmas Gift Fair went well with many parishioners stopping by the Upper Room before and after Mass on Sunday, November 13th. Our Election Day Prayer Vigil also was well received, and our pre-election educational inserts in the bulletin were completed. Plans are underway for our next two Social Mission Weekends in February.

(Submitted by Tom Cordaro)

Earth Care Sub-Committee: No report

Pro-L.I.F.E. Committee:

The Baby Bottle Fund raiser is wrapping up. 385 bottles were distributed. The majority of the bottles were returned to Waterleaf; and, as of November 15, \$2,625.49 was collected. A number of bottles were returned after that date and are not in that figure. As of November 30, 180 bottles have been returned.

March for Life-Chicago is scheduled for Sunday, January 15, 2017. The event will start at the Federal Plaza in Chicago at 2pm and then march to the State of Illinois Building. The march will wrap up at about 4pm. More information will follow next month.

(Submitted by Mary Ann Cronauer)

St. Vincent de Paul: No report

(Ministry leader Chuck Hinds)

September Club:

On Wednesday, November 2, 2016, 25 members enjoyed turkey with the trimmings at Quincy's Restaurant in Naperville. November birthdays and anniversaries were recognized. In December we will meet in the Parish Center for our annual Christmas celebration.

(Submitted by Antoinette Patt)

Sharing Parish:

Tamale orders were distributed on November 6.

On November 14 we presented a program on planning for retirement to help people be informed about options available for this time of life. Questions were answered by the speaker, and pizza was served.

(Submitted by Martha Rose)

- *Submitted by Carrie Tilton*
