

St. Margaret Mary Parish, Naperville, IL
Pastoral Council Minutes
June 5, 2018 – Final Draft

Council Members Present: Jim Chitwood, Tom Cordaro, Fr. Paul Hottinger, Julie Lomax, Mary Oliphant, Brian Pelz, Sam Schroeder, Dave Schwartz, Kristen Slevnik, Peggy Soeldner, Carrie Tilton, Carl Van Dril, Don Wenig
Incoming Council Members Present: Chas Bellock, Joey Rose

OPENING AND PRAYER: Tonight's meeting was held in the home of Council President Carl Van Dril and his wife Ingrid. Carl called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m., with Julie Lomax offering an opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MAY 2018 MEETING MINUTES: **Mary Oliphant motioned to approve the minutes from May 1, 2018, with Don Wenig seconding and the Council approving.** The minutes, along with Commission reports, will now be posted onto the Council's web page. Council Secretary Peggy Soeldner has already provided a summary of the May working draft minutes for the parish bulletin.

Outgoing Recording Secretary Marlyn Steury was thanked for her eleven years of service to Council. She will still prepare the minutes for the June meeting, and incumbent Council Secretary Peggy Soeldner will provide a summary of the June working draft minutes for the parish bulletin. Incoming Recording Secretary Becca Veys was introduced at tonight's meeting.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF INCOMING MEMBERS: The two new At-Large Members, Chas Bellock and Joey Rose, were introduced at tonight's meeting. They will starting their three-year terms on Council in 2018-19 and will replace Carl Van Dril and Don Wenig. Chas and Joey, along with Linda Tomasello, had participated in last Wednesday's New Candidate Discernment Night for this. Current Council members who had also attended the Discernment Night were thanked.

Although Brian Pelz is completing his three-year term on Council as Christian Worship Representative, he is opting to serve for an additional three-year term.

Special thanks are extended to Mary Oliphant and Peggy Soeldner, as this year's Co-Chairs for the Council Nominations/Recruitment Committee.

THANK-YOU NOTES FROM COUNCIL: Council members recognized two parishioners and one group tonight, who have provided noteworthy service to the parish. This included Sue Schroeder (Finance Committee Head) for her work in leading the parish budget preparation; Barb Fair for her organizational work with PADS; and the Christian Education Commission (CEC) for conducting the recent new Packet Pickup/Registration Day. Council signed thank-you cards for them tonight. Carl encouraged next year's Council to continue recognizing and thanking parishioners for their service.

PARISH BUDGET PROCESS UPDATE: The 2018/19 Parish Budget was recently submitted to the Diocese by the 6/01/18 submission deadline. Carl, Julie Lomax, and Fr. Paul had recently met with Parish Business Manager Mike Prus about holding earlier budget-related discussions with the Commission leaders and staff members with higher budgets – this would take place in December. It was suggested that these earlier conversations be held to learn about any new needs and about what might also be anticipated for the following year (from July 2019).

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE: Council Vice-President Don Wenig reviewed the 2017-18 parish collection data through 5/27/18, which Parish Budget Manager Mike Prus had recently sent. Don noted that the parish is “still in the black” after having raised the amount needed to offset the 2017/18 budget shortfall. He expressed concerns about possible reduced collections during the summer months, as May collections were flat.

The Stewardship Committee, including Don Wenig, Carl Van Dril, and Chas Bellock, recently met 3 weeks ago. Plans are underway for the next Annual Parish Appeal, to be held in either November or December. As it was noted that the 2017-18 Parish Appeal had too closely coincided with the Diocesan Annual Appeal, targeting an earlier date for the parish’s one should help.

Plans are now in place for the Stewardship Committee to roll out the new “Parish with Heart” contribution category shortly through the WeShare online automated giving program. Through this category, parishioners can allocate funds according to a specific line entry, including the following: Charity and Service, e.g. for PADS; Parish Debt Reduction; Parish Beautification; or Other Special Parish Needs (as they occur). Parishioners will be able to also designate a one-time online donation to a specific area through the “Parish with Heart” online giving category (rather than designating this for a “general” fund).

As the Stewardship Committee evolves at SMMP, it would also like to increase its presence to parishioners by rotationally communicating about such topics as including SMMP in stock donations, estate planning, and required minimum monthly distributions. Such focus on certain topics can be rotationally done through the parish bulletin and through other media.

Lastly, the Stewardship Committee has suggested that the Finance Committee look at other parishes’ styles of budget reporting, so as to make the financial report in SMMP’s parish bulletin “a little less dry.” Chas Bellock will represent Council at next year’s Finance Committee meetings, and other Council members are also encouraged to attend these meetings.

NEW COMMUNICATION COORDINATOR: Carl announced the hiring of the new part-time Communications Coordinator Julie Duffin, who will begin employment at SMMP on 7/01/18. According to Carl, Julie presented a very good portfolio, displayed good design sense, and has good experience with web and social media work. She will also continue

working part-time as the Communications Coordinator for St. Raphael Parish-Naperville.

The Communications Committee will meet with Julie on 6/13/18 to help her navigate and prioritize tasks at SMMP. Carl also noted that her help will be sought by the Stewardship Committee.

PARISH RAIN GARDEN PROPOSAL: [Proposal to Parish Council: Parish Rain Garden... was sent in advance by Tom Cordaro, a copy of which is shown hereto].

Tom Cordaro presented the Earth Care Committee's concept proposal tonight for the creation of a rain garden on the lawn just south of the Green Trails parking lot near the storm drain. This rain garden would provide the following: a filtering mechanism for storm water from parish property; an eco-system support for pollinators, along with mosquito reduction; and a reduced area needed for lawn care maintenance.

The Committee suggested that a professional landscaper should remove the sod needed for the garden area, with the price for this service not yet determined. The estimated price for planting is \$1.50 per plug (1 plug per foot²). Garden planting would be done in September and completed by early October, ready to bloom in the following spring. Tom estimated that the project cost would be around \$500. No funds would be used from the parish's operating budget for this, with assistance sought from the Men's Club and from individual parishioners.

Dave Schwartz motioned, Don Wenig seconded, and the Council approved the creation of the Parish Rain Garden by the Earth Care Committee on the parish south lawn area (near the storm drain). This is to be done as a budget neutral project.

COMMUNAL DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE PROPOSAL: In response to a proposal made in advance to move work pertaining to the Parish Theme & Calling to a subcommittee, Council engaged in a lengthy discussion about this tonight. It was noted that a significant portion of Council's monthly meetings and the full-day fall and winter parish leadership gatherings, as well as additional preparation time spent outside of these, had focused on the Parish Theme & Calling in 2017-18. Concerns were raised about the reduced time allotted for other topics and items of business at many of these meetings. Questions were also raised about how to determine the effectiveness of the T&C within the parish.

Don Wenig moved that work focusing on the Parish Theme & Calling be moved from Council meetings and/or Parish Leadership workshop days to a subcommittee level, with Dave Schwartz seconding. Fr. Paul halted any voting on this proposal.

According to Fr. Paul and Bishop Conlon, Council needs to be especially engaged as leaders about where the Spirit is leading them in the 21st Century – activities focusing on Council’s spiritual growth is of great importance. Fr. Paul noted that there was validity in the entire Council’s focus and efforts on spiritual growth and that of the parish through their Theme & Calling work. Fr. Paul noted that Council might thereby be able help to change the culture of the parish to “come join us on the journey.”

Further discussion was tabled tonight due to time constraints, with there being no consensus. Tom Cordaro reminded Council that “Year One” of the Three-Year Cycle had required the most intensive work and that portions of Years Two and Three might be done by a subcommittee. Further action steps will be planned, and their implementers will be determined next year in continuation of the Three-Year Cycle. Meanwhile, Council can help reconstruct “Year One” activities to be used when the next Three-Year Cycle would start again. It was also recommended that Council personally invite Staff and parishioner groups to participate more fully with them on Parish Theme & Calling work throughout the continuing Three-Year Cycle,

PARISH LEADERSHIP GATHERING (8/25/18): A subcommittee (including Fr. Paul, Tom Cordaro, Mary Oliphant, and Joey Rose) will meet during the summer to help create the agenda for the 8/25/18 Parish Leadership Gathering. Ideas include having the morning activities focus on faith sharing and Theme & Calling work, with afternoon activities being more task-oriented. One suggested task for this workshop day includes doing an in-depth analysis of the recently gathered ministry “census” data.

PARISH “BIG DAY OF SERVICE” (11/27/18): Carrie Tilton and Julie Lomax have recently received 2 out of 6 responses to email requests sent about forming a planning team for the upcoming Big Day of Service. The committee being formed will start meeting in August.

PARTING WORDS FROM OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS: Youth Representatives Sam Schroeder and Kristen Slevnik shared reflections about their past year on Council. Carl Van Dril and Don Wenig also offered parting words, reflecting upon their past three-year terms as At-Hoc Representatives (including two years respectively as President and Vice-President). Each was presented with a signed card and gift card remembrance from Council, and Recording Secretary Marlyn Steury was presented with one, too. They were all thanked for their service.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Having already requested last month that all eligible At-Large Council Representatives start to discern about holding a Council leadership office, Carl accepted nominations tonight and conducted voting for the office of President and Vice-President. The two incoming At-Large Representatives were not yet allowed to vote at tonight’s meeting nor be nominated for such an office. The **new President for 2018-19 is Jim Chitwood**, and **new Vice-President is Mary Oliphant**. The new officers were duly congratulated.

The office of Secretary will be filled this summer by one of the two new At-Large Representatives. This is for a one-year term of office.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Administration: No report received, and no representative was in attendance.

Christian Worship (CWC): [*Christian Worship Commission Monthly Report to Parish Council – June 2018* was sent in advance by Brian Pelz, a copy of which is shown hereto].

There were no additional questions posed to Brian Pelz, CWC Representative.

Christian Service (CSC): [*Christian Service Commission Monthly Report to Parish Council – June 5, 2018* was sent in advance by Carrie Tilton, a copy of which is shown hereto].

Carrie Tilton, CSC Representative, had no additional information to report.

Christian Education (CEC): [*Christian Education Commission June 2018 Ministry Reports* were sent in advance by Julie Lomax, a copy of which is shown hereto].

Julie Lomax, CEC Representative, reported that Sr. Madelyn had recently sent data to her, as compiled from the recent Volunteer Sunday, although this did not include names/contact information. However, the Commission Heads have received the names of new and continuing volunteers.

There will be two Youth Ministry trips this summer, including one to Detroit in June and another to Buffalo in July – Julie will be going on the one to Detroit. Approximately \$4,000 have been received to date to help with these trips.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES: No reports.

There are no replacements yet for Youth Representatives in 2018-19.

OUTDOOR CONCERT (8/04/18): The musicians and vocalists in SMMP's *Off the Rails* will present their summer outdoor concert on 8/04/18. This "Ravinia-style" concert, open to the community, will be held on the parish grounds, with an indoor backup plan if needed.

WHAT ARE WE HEARING FROM PARISHIONERS?

- (Fr. Paul): "I have heard many great things about our recent Confirmation night. I really loved the experience."

- The recent Military Ministry Night had very interesting speakers, giving information about four different initiatives. There is a need to link veterans to these available special services. Council’s presence at this Ministry Night was noticed and appreciated.

FINAL “WHIP” AROUND: Comments included:

- “Wonderful meeting. Thanks for a great year. Will miss you.”
- “Grateful for all of you.”
- “Interesting meeting, with one year down.”
- “Eye opening.”
- “Thought provoking.”
- “A good past 2 years.”
- “A special thanks to Carl, Don, and to our two Youth Representatives.”
- “Good meeting, and a good first year.”
- “A bittersweet time – I’ll be available during the month of December.”
- “Eye-opening, with good feelings from this group.”
- “Thanks. I’ll have the month of January off.”
- “Great meeting.”
- “I appreciated the discussion and openness – issues were tackled in a loving way.”

CLOSING PRAYER: Julie Lomax provided holy water from Lourdes, France, with which each Council member anointed the person next to them, along with prayer. Following this, the meeting ended at 9:10 p.m.

CLOSING: Following this, Council enjoyed appetizers and desserts, which were furnished in “potluck style,” along with beverages furnished by Julie Lomax. : Carl and his wife Ingrid were thanked for hosting tonight’s meeting in their home.

The next meeting will be held on September 4, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Room.

Respectfully submitted,
 Marlyn Ligner Steury
 Recording Secretary

Parish Rain Garden
 Earth Care Committee, June 5, 2018

Introduction: At an earlier parish council meeting the Earth Care Committee made a concept proposal to the parish council that allowed the committee to investigate the possibility of creating a rain garden on our

church property. This proposal was accepted and the Earth Care Committee has been working to put together this more detailed proposal.

The Earth Care Committee PROPOSES that St. Margaret Mary Parish create a rain garden on lawn just south of the Green Trails parking lot near the storm drain. Some of the advantages of having a rain garden include:

- Rain gardens provide a filtering mechanism for storm water from our property. This reduces run off of pesticides, fertilizers and other contaminants from entering the water system.
- Rain gardens provide essential support for important pollinators in our eco-system that are crucial to the health of our environment.
- Rain gardens reduce the amount of resources needed to care for the large lawn we currently maintain.
- Rain gardens provide educational opportunities for parishioners (especially children) who want to learn more about caring for creation.

Proposed Plan:

Consultation: For this project the Earth Care Committee has enlisted the help of Jim Kleinwachter from The Conservation Foundation. We have also received input from the Dr. Shannon Burns from the DuPage Forest Preserve. With the help of these consultants we have decided on the best native plants to use on our garden site. With the help of the Conservation Foundation we will be able to purchase plants at wholesale prices.

Costs: Our goal is to make this project budget neutral by soliciting support of the Men's Club and by inviting parishioners to make contributions towards the purchase of plants.

Removing the Sod: Because of the difficulty of this work, the committee believes that a professional landscaper will be needed to remove the sod in order to plant the garden. We will contact JULIE to make sure the area is safe to dig.

Purchasing the Plants: We believe there is enough support in the parish for this project to pay for the plants we need. If necessary, we can begin with planting in a small area of the proposed garden and continue to add plants as donations become available.

Maintenance: For the first two or three years the committee will need to organize volunteers to help with weeding the garden. After the native plants take hold, maintenance will be minimal.

TimeLine: The best time to plant this garden would be in September. Our hope is to raise funds in the summer and remove the sod in preparations for the garden in late August. The planting would be complete by early October, ready to bloom in the following spring.

The photo below is an example of what we hope to do. Please note that this is an example of a rain garden at another location – not at SMMP.



Submitted by Tom Cordaro

**Christian Worship Commission
Monthly Report to Parish Council
June 2018**

Open Items:

- Review and improve the process of establishing Gift Bearers

CWC Chair:

- There was no CWC meeting scheduled in May.

Youth Altar Servers:

- Nothing to report

Family Altar Servers:

- Nothing to report

Art & Environment:

- Nothing to report

Baptisms:

- Four of the eighteen parishioner Knights of Columbus volunteers have left the ministry (two of the four moved out of state)
- We are recruiting for new volunteers. No responses yet. Continuing with the recruiting effort.
- Preparing a complete baptism procedure document that describes the entire process of processing a parishioner's request for a baptism, scheduling baptisms and conducting the parental training. This new procedure will be integrated with the baptism ceremony procedures that Ken Miles and Bob Presnak have previously prepared.

- Ken Miles has asked Sue Carroll to explore flower supplier options to reinstate our tradition of providing corsages and/or boutonnieres to the baptism parents. Bob Presnak has provided one viable option to Sue - the florist Celidan Creations (Gartner and Washington). We may need to take delivery on Saturday afternoon and store in either the refrigerator in the vesting sacristy or the one in the upper room kitchen.

Bread Bakers:

- Baked Bread at all the masses went smoothly this past weekend. The small refrigerator has been helpful.

Eucharistic Ministers:

- Deacon Ken and Felicia Egan are planning to issue an updated EM procedure manual and have a morning reflection for the EMs.

Greeters:

- Nothing to report

Lectors:

- One potential lector signed up from Volunteer Sunday.

Linen Launderers:

- Nothing to report

Liturgy Development:

- After Communion Peace Prayer to be continued
- Parish Theme and Calling planning discussions
- Prayers of the Faithful edited slightly for brevity & simplicity
- New Marion statue in the chapel
- Greeters have been asked to assess and review emergency preparedness.
- New sound system due this summer
- Additional children's books for the library are being collected.

Music:

- Two new volunteers from sign up Sunday

Sacristans:

- Nothing to report

Gift Bearers:

- Terry will look at changing signups to SignUp Genius
The current link: https://www.smmp.com/worship/gift_bearer_signup.php

Do you want to be a gift bearer?

- Is your family having a special gathering some weekend?
- Did you want to mark your child's First Communion or Confirmation a little early?
- Did you always want to be a gift bearer?

The Worship Commission has a great and easy way to have you and your friends or family sign up to bring up the gifts during Mass. We are really hoping that almost all parishioners sign up at least once each year. The signup and steps are very easy:

- Sign up for a Mass by going to <http://www.smmp.com/>, and navigating to Mass & Sacraments/Gift Bearer Signup. That will lead you to a link to a signup spreadsheet.
- Alternatively, you can call the parish office, 630-369-0777, to sign up.
- If you change your mind you can easily delete your name or call the parish office a few days before the weekend. Please be sure to keep email or phone contact information so we can remind you or let you know of any changes.
- Groups should be 3-5 people.
- Singles and couples are encouraged to sign up, but someone else may be added to make the group 3-5.
- Check in with a greeter before Mass.
- Sit where you like in church. When the collection begins, go to the back of the church and follow the greeter's instructions.



Being a gift bearer is a great way to more actively participate in Mass. Please consider signing up!

Submitted by Brian Pelz

**Christian Service Commission
Monthly Report to Parish Council
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Bereavement:

Our Bereavement Ministry met and we had 4 new cases assigned; however, we discussed the on-going challenges of not being able to connect when we make our calls and leave a message; we are not getting return calls back and we are continuing to send a card and note to let them know their loved ones are in our prayers but I think everyone felt bad that we couldn't reach after trying several times to call...but we will be talking about other options at our June meeting.
(Submitted by Patti McGehee)

Blood Drive:

Activities for May 2018

- Correction below to previous month report on total pints donated from 58 to 64.
- The Knights helped Heartland Blood Center with the Blood Drive on Saturday Morning April 14, 2018 in the Parish Center. There was a total of **64** pints of blood that were donated from donors.

(Submitted by Dan Patt on behalf of the Knights of Columbus)

Boy Scouts (Troop 507):

The annual Pancake Breakfast will be on Sunday, June 3, 8:30am-noon.
(Submitted by Ramona Vaikutis)

Charitable Contributions: Nothing to report
(Submitted by Pam Cieslak)

Christmas Giving Tree: Nothing to report
(Submitted by Tom Cordaro)

Comfort Care Ministry (Funeral Luncheons, Emergency Meals): No report
(Kathy Kalina)

Cub Scouts (Pack 507):

Cub Master - Tim Tilton

Committee Chairman - Brian Burgner

May Activities:

- Spring rocket launch – May 6th
- Final Pack Meeting of the (school) year – Advancement – May 17th

June/July/August Activities:

- Family kayak/picnic – Jun 11
- Monthly Hike – Jun 24
- Blackwell family campout – Jul 13/14
- Pelican Harbor swim party – Aug 19

(Submitted by Tim Tilton)

Daybreak Transitional Housing:

Our ministry has begun a monthly bulletin insert focusing on our families. This month we will focus on our single mother of two young girls. We wish to keep our parishioners informed on the families in our care, and felt that once a month we would provide an update on an individual family's progress.
(Submitted by Pat McAuliffe)

Knights of Columbus:

Activities for May 2018

- Knights provided assistance along with members of the Parish to the Deacons with the Baptisms during the month.
- Knights volunteered at Loaves and Fishes on Tuesday May 8th and Wednesday May 9th.
- Knights provided gifts of Rosaries to the Confirmandi as remembrance of their receipt of this sacrament.
- Knights hosted the Family of Life Diaper Drive for Waterleaf Women on 2 Parish weekends in May. Our generous parishioners donated 4,833 diapers and 720 baby wipes.
- Knights helped with the clean-up and dirty laundry collection at PADS and delivery to the Edward Hospital Laundry on Friday May 18th.
- Knights held their monthly social and business meeting with 11 members attending on Thursday May 24th. Two new members have joined in the last month.
- Knights volunteered at the Special Olympics Soccer at Hinsdale South High School on Sunday May 6th.
- Knights hosted the Last Sunday of the Month Family Rosary Prayer Service after the 12 Noon Mass in the Chapel on May 27th with members of the Legion of Mary. All Parish members are welcome.

(Submitted by Dan Patt)

Men's Club:

The SMMP Men's Club Board held their monthly meeting at Lou Malnati's on Monday May 7, 2018 to support the SMMP Youth with Heart campaign.

On May 5 we distributed mulch on the grounds of SMMP. The men brought the equipment and spread mulch on the grounds from 8:00 am till 11:30 am.

Picnic planning is in high gear as the event draws closer (date: 9/9/2018).

May 11 was the Spring Golf Outing. It was very successful despite the cool weather.

May 12 was the service at Loaves and Fishes

(Submitted by Tom Zakosek)

Military Ministry:

Memorial Day Event: We decided to have our educational piece for May be on the weekend before on Sunday, May 20th. We invited *Naperville Responds for Veterans* a local organization whose Mission is to assist Veterans and their families in need, especially those with low and moderate income, by raising donations of money, building materials, and professional labor, and coordinating the process of repairing, building, and donating homes. We felt our event was well attended and there were more resources in the audience that also spoke. Overall it was a very good night. We also feel we have begun to network more in the community.

Additionally, our greeting card collection netted almost 150 LBS. of cards! The most ever collected by OSOT! These cards will be packed into the regular boxes sent to deployed troops so that they may be able to send home a birthday card, etc. to their loved ones.

(Submitted by Candy Rice)

Nursery:

We have someone possibly interested in replacing Cailin in August. She has been sent information on the role and is currently considering.

Also, the RE office just received an inquiry from a teen who is interested in volunteering. Once we get parent contact information, we'll follow up.
(Submitted by Carrie Tilton)

Pastoral Care: No report
(Fred Straub)

Peace & Justice Advisory Working Group:

Dates for our parish social mission weeks for 2018-19 are: September 24-30, October 29 - November 4, February 18-24 and June 17-23. Our annual "Bike/Walk to Church Weekend" will take place on June 9/10.

Refugee Support Group: The committee is making plans to offer a 19-minute video after all Masses as part of Refugee Sunday (June 24). Educational inserts will also be published in the bulletin. The committee is also working with Dan Lawler (Director of our Youth Ministry) to schedule a Refugee Camp Simulation Experience that will be led by Exodus World Services.

Earth Care Sub-Committee: The committee organized a "Native Planting Workshop" on Wednesday, May 23rd. Twenty-two people attended and it was well received. Plans are being made to present a proposal to the parish council at its June meeting to create a "rain garden" on the parish campus.

(Submitted by Tom Cordaro)

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

The committee was happy to help the Knights with their Diaper Drop collection.
(Submitted by Mary Ann Cronauer)

St. Vincent de Paul: Nothing to report
(Submitted by Mark Oliphant)

September Club:

To celebrate Mother's Day, 19 members enjoyed a family style lunch at Walker's Charhouse on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 2:00. We started the meal with a prayer. Members were asked to remember those members who are ill in their prayers. June birthdays and anniversaries were recognized.
(Submitted by Ann Patt)

Sharing Parish:

\$12,500 has been appropriated for tuition assistance in the 2018-2019 academic year for eight students in six families attending Aurora Catholic Grammar Schools. Notification letters have been sent out. A further appropriation of up to \$1,500 is still pending.

The Scholarship Fund Mega Garage Sale to raise funds for the 2019-2020 academic year is scheduled for Friday, June 29th and Saturday, June 30th (Discount Day). Volunteer sign up will take place after all Masses on the weekends of June 16/17 and June 23/24. Donations will be accepted from June 23 through June 27th.
(Submitted by Martha Rose)

Reports compiled and submitted by Carrie Tilton

Christian Education Commission

June 2018

Ministry Reports

ADULT FAITH FORMATION – Sister Madelyn

Morning Enrichment 2018-2019:

All sessions are held in the COR Center

9:15-11:15 a.m.

Donation/session: \$8.00

September 12: Becoming an Everyday Contemplative: What the Rule of St. Benedict Teaches Us About Happiness, Meaning, and Community (Judith Valente)

October 10: Catholic 101: What is Church? (Fr. Paul)

November 7: Marks of Being a Dynamic Catholic (Sr. Sallie Latkovich)

December 5: Five Women to Inspire Today's Catholics (Heidi Schlumpf)

January 9: Answering Our Parish Call: Being Disciples Not Customers (Tom Cordaro)

February 13: Rites of Passage: An Interfaith Panel

March 6: Seeking and Supporting Generations of Faith: A Young Adult Perspective (Sheila Stevenson, Caitlin Sica, Katie Faley)

April 3: Sacredness of All Creation (Bridget Speduto)

May 8: Summer Reading for the Soul (Team)

Saturday Morning Live is a series of six breakfast meetings designed to help you live the gospel values in your home or at your work place. The breakfast meetings are offered on Saturdays so you can attend without having to rush off to work. Come to one or all of the sessions. Call the parish office (630-369-0777) to let us know you are coming.

Saturday Morning Live

8:00-9:30 a.m.

COR Center

Donation \$10.00/Session; \$50.00/Series

September 22: Leadership: Tyrant? Teacher? Figurehead? Team-Player? Or...? (Fr. Burke Masters)

October 20: Followership: Whimp? Teammate? Peacemaker? Servant? Or... ? (Facilitator: Rick Eckstein)

November 10: Stewardship: Legacy? Ripoff? Role-Model? Family? Or...? (Frank Bucaro)

January 12: Relationship: Mentor? Bonded? Openness? Bias? Or...? (Facilitator: Bill Hassett)

February 9: Discipleship: Intentional? Trouble-Maker? Risk-Taker? Learner? Or...? (Jeanine Jelinek)

March 16: Citizenship: Allegiance? Indifference? Commitment? Loyalty? Or...? (Mark LeBlanc)

Religious Education – K to 5th Grade – Sue Davey

No report.

Youth Ministry – Dan Lawler

Our Confirmation Mass on May 4th went very well with Fr. Paul presiding and the music of our Contemporary Choir. We also had help from our greeters, altar servers, and other liturgical ministers. We had a joyful reception following the liturgy.

We invited all high school youth to join us for our annual Grill N Chill on May 14th. We had a good turnout of current and potential Peer Ministers. We will be hosting another social night for all Catholic youth in our deanery on August 14th.

We had a very low turnout for our Senior Blessing and reception this year. Next year, we are considering having a blessing of graduates at each Mass.

We continue to have more teens sign up for our service trip with YNIA. We are planning on two trips this summer to Detroit, MI and Buffalo, NY. So far, we have collected almost \$4,000 from the different fundraisers that we have completed.

All Saints Catholic Academy

No report.

Reports compiled and submitted by Julie Lomax
