

**St. Margaret Mary Parish, Naperville, IL**  
**Pastoral Council Minutes**  
**April 5, 2022**

**Council Members Present:** Mike Anderson, Fr. Max Behna, Mary Kienstra, Liz Kruk, Dan Lawler, Chris Lupo, Kathy O'Rourke, Robert Presnak, Barb Ryan, Susan Stonesifer, Terry Wagner, Olivia Zabel

**Council Member Absent:** Anne Lysaught

OPENING AND PRAYER: Tonight's meeting was held in the Upper Room. Kathy O'Rourke supplied the prayer and Terry Wagner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 2022 MINUTES: All members agreed to approve the minutes, none opposed. Minutes approved.

PASTOR REPORT from Fr. Max

- Has been suggested having 2 Parishioners for stipend positions needed for Arts and Environment
- Suggested having 2 part time positions in the Fall for Parish Receptionists, possibly advertised as a summer off, school year position

Pastoral Council RECRUITMENT UPDATE from Susan Stonesifer and Bob Presnak

- April 25 is an orientation for those who have shown interest or were nominated for next year's recruitment for Pastoral Council
- Other dates in the recruitment process are planned

DIOCESAN SYNODAL PROCESS from Fr. Max

- 1st Listening Session was held during the during the day, notes were forwarded to Kelly Reznicek
- 2nd Session Session was in the evening and notes were forwarded to Kelly

COMMISSION REPORTS

- CSC (Charitable contributions)
- CWC
- CFC
- Administration
- Stewardship
- All Saints
- Youth

#### PARISH APPRECIATION EVENT

- RSVP is on the SMMP Website

#### OFFICER NOMINATIONS for 2022-23

- President, Vice-President and Secretary positions will be further discussed next meeting

Kathy O'Rourke supplied the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

CFC Report – March 2022  
Faith Formation – Gr. K to 8<sup>th</sup>

Ash Wednesday at 4 pm was overflowing with all kinds of people. The narthex was filled with chairs, and people were standing in the back of church. Our students did the readings and our catechists distributed the ashes.

We hosted an in-person retreat on March 5<sup>th</sup> for 55 First Communicants and a virtual parent/child First Communion prep night on March 8<sup>th</sup> with Fr. Max. The First Communion masses are April 24<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> – 11:00 a.m. - for our 67 First Communicants.

Our final large group virtual family faith formation night was on March 16<sup>th</sup> with the theme of Lent. Fr. Stan from Alenga, Uganda was our guest speaker. His mission is the beneficiary of our Lenten service project for grades K-8. Monetary donations will be accepted that will go towards building desks for the school children as to the raise the children out of the dirt. 87 people were logged on for the meeting, and we sent a recorded link out for those who could not attend live.

On March 21<sup>st</sup> we had 50 people attend a junior high Lent reconciliation service that lasted for one hour. With the 4 confessors, there was enough time for all the adults and catechists to make a confession too.

Next month, our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will present the living stations of the cross to the rest of the classes during their class time during Holy Week. Families will be invited to attend.

Classes conclude for the year at the end of April. Registration forms for the coming school year will go home in early April. To give families an incentive for early registration, we froze this year's tuition fee if they register by May 1<sup>st</sup>. After that, we will increase the tuition by \$10 per student.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqui Snyder

CFC Meeting April 7, March 2022 report

**RCIA-** The 3 Catechumens and their sponsors, attended a service at the Cathedral in Joliet, to formally accept them into the final phase of their preparations to receive their sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil.

In all, there will be 4 people receiving sacraments of initiation at the Vigil. Two more will be receiving Confirmation and Holy Communion on Sun Apr

24 at the 9:00am Mass and their 4 children will be Baptized later that afternoon.

We have been meeting at the 5:00 Mass recently with the scrutinies, and then discussing the readings in Break Open the Word. This has been very fruitful in their understanding of the Lenten readings and just in general, in reading scripture.

Continued Mystagogy, (meaning to lead through the mysteries), will continue through June 1<sup>st</sup>, right before Pentecost.

We have 1 person for the next session of RCIA and have put out the first, in a series of ads in the bulletin, for anyone interested in joining the next session beginning in August.

**BIBLE STUDY-** Bible Study concluded and will continue in the fall, with Sr. Marianne, who is still determining what the topic will be.

**Morning Enrichment-** Fr. Michael Sparough, SJ, led the group through a few meditations in the Ignatian Spirituality style, as well as giving a beautiful history of St. Ignatius's life. He was well received by the usual 25 attendees. I'm hoping to invite him back soon.

**Women's Café-** Topic was "A Woman's Perspective on the Passion of Christ". They reflected on many female virtues and looked for those traits in the Passion. They reflected using a Visio Divina and closed with the St. Patrick prayer.

**Men's Retreat-** There were ten men who went to Mundelein for retreat. The feedback I heard was, it was well received and the men who attended enjoyed their time in fellowship and reflection.

**Saturday Morning Live-** The last session of SML was attended by 20 people. Jeanine Jelinek led a discussion about discipleship. She encouraged people to move forward on what God is asking us to do, to build the kingdom of God here on earth. Prayer and scripture are an essential aspect of hearing the call. I look forward to inviting Jeanine back to speak.

**Be Formed groups-** It was a tough month for Be Formed groups, with snow storms and interruptions in schedules. We will continue until right after Easter. The new season of Be Formed will begin in September and the topic will be The Sacraments and the Church Fathers.

**Baptism Prep-** 3 dynamic couples met in Feb and 2 of the couples had 3 kids each. It was nice to see how open they were and related to one another. I look forward to working with some of the couples in the future that will help lead future sessions. We are trying out switching the date and time of the meeting to be more accommodating of parent's schedules (Sat morning and late afternoon)

The Synod on Synodality was called for by Pope Francis, to ask the faithful and non-faithful alike, about how the church is carrying out it's mission in the world. Each Bishop was asked to coordinate an effort to ask for the feedback of it's people. SMMP is hosting 2 listening sessions on March 31 and April 6<sup>th</sup>, as well as posting the questions in the bulletin, which can be sent back to me. I will be collecting the responses and sending them to the diocese.

Looking forward:

Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 16.

Last morning enrichment on Wednesday, April 27. Bridget Sperduto speaking about the environment.

Last Women's Café May 19.

**Kelly**

We are interviewing confirmation candidates to complete their final preparations before receiving the sacrament of confirmation. In addition to their catechetical sessions, they are submitting their service hours, a letter to the pastor, and a service learning reflection. The interviews are being conducted by Fr. Max and Dan Lawler and will be completed by the end of April.

We will be planning the confirmation liturgy which will take place on Friday, May 13th at 7 pm with retired Bishop Kane from Chicago.

Planning for next year will start soon with hopes that we will not have any covid protocols and will be able to return to normal ministry.

**Dan**

## Parish Council Report – Administration (including Finance) Ministry

4-05-2022 (Lysaught)

<b>1</b>	<b>Report Overview:</b>	<b>Strategic and busy time of year as religious education season begins to wind down.</b>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Meetings:</b>	Admin. Group monthly meeting held – see minutes attached - Attachment 1. (9 members) Finance Focus Ministry meeting held – see minutes attached – Attachment 2. (8 members)	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Facility Action Items:</b>	Facility Management and Repair Projects underway include: (i) roof hatch to establish safe roof access for anticipated roof work; (ii) south entrance elevated walkway repairs; (iii) HVAC Units assessment and replacement plan (iv) lawn maintenance – service contract under review; (v) Exterior painting of fascia plan being established; (vi) parking lot increase count of disabled parking and maintenance – pothole and crack repair and striping. (vii) rectory property and house care and repair projects (viii) Diocese assessment of all facilities by a 3 <sup>rd</sup> party is underway – St. Margaret Mary assessment timing is being requested.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Finance Action Items</b>	(i) The annual audit of collections and associated processing and other audit activities to commence. (ii) 2022 Budget plan forecast being finalized (iii) bulletin finance report is being finalized	
<b>5</b>	<b>Specific Requests for Council help:</b>	(i) General request for help in determining the parish understanding of the Administration ministry roles and responsibilities. (ii) The leader of the Administration Ministry – Chuck Marquis is stepping down at the end of this year. Thanks Chuck for many years of service.	
<b>6</b>	<b>Report Conclusion:</b>	Challenging and very busy time of year.	

## Attachment 1:

### St. Margaret Mary Parish - Administration Commission - Minutes Monday, March 14, 2022

Attendees: Jeff Jameson, Stephanie Barcel, Chuck Marquis, Joe Egan, Klaus Rummer, Jennifer Lysaught, Anne Lysaught Sue Schroeder, Fr. Max

Absent: Bob Stezowski

1. Opening Prayer: Joe Egan

2. Approval of Minutes: From the January 31, 2022 meeting. The minutes were approved by acclimation.

3. Discussion/Decision Items

#### A. Updates

- a. South Entrance Elevated Walkway Structural Assessment (Joe)  
Joe has been waiting for better weather to reassess what is needed. He also needs to call Chris Nye from the Diocese to set up a meeting. Maybe Chris will have some repair ideas.
- b. HVAC unit replacement – Amber Mechanical request update (Stephanie, Jeff) - Jeff said he could come out sometime in April and meet with Bob and Stephanie to look at our HVAC units. We can assess then which ones are original units and which ones we might have to replace. Stephanie needs to ask Bob if any units are leaking coolant.
- c. Lawn maintenance contract – Greenbrier (Stephanie)  
Greenbrier has sent in a contract for the 2022 season. They have only increased their pricing by 3.5%. The new price is \$1,400 a month. Stephanie check to make sure it includes rectory.

#### B. Roof Hatch proposals – bid leveling and next steps (Stephanie)

We reviewed the revised quotes. The original quotes were done in August-September of 2021. Centimark and Elens were the two in the running. Centimark quoted \$14,742. Elens quoted \$16,010.

Centimark had a clause in the sales agreement that pricing could go up at any time. Elens did not have a sales agreement only a quote. Need to ask Elens if they have any type of clause. Adler Roofing never responded to update quote. We left it that we would try to call Adler and give them one more shot. If they didn't respond by the end of the week. Fr. Max and Stephanie would get more information on Centimark and Elens sales agreement and make the decision.

#### C. Adding Accessible Parking Spaces (Stephanie)

There is a parishioner who has called and said they would donate whatever it takes to create more handicap parking spaces. We reviewed a drawing of the parking lot to see where more spaces can be added. Klaus suggested that we could add one or two on the north east side of the main parking lot. The lanes facing Green Trails Drive. It was decided at our next meeting we would look at the parking lot and see if there were any ideas.

#### D. Summer/Fall Projects

- a. Exterior fascia painting (Joe)  
There are areas on the outside of the building that needs painting and even fascia repair.  
The main entrance needs wood repair and painting  
Outside of the Adoration Chapel and COR Center the fascia needs repair  
Stephanie check to see if Diocese has vendors for fascia and painting.
- b. Parking lot refresh and restriping (last done 2019)  
Next meeting let's look at the parking lot and see about refresh and restriping. If we are going to do that, keep in mind the handicap additional parking. We should contact Joe Jackson with the Men's club and see about redoing the lot.

#### E. Schedule next meeting(s)

Next meeting April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 – Meet in the Parking Lot

4. Member Reports (if any) and Discussion

- Fr. Max, Pastor
- Stephanie Barcel, Business Manager
- Chuck Marquis, Chairperson – Chuck has decided to resign after this year. He will continue till June and then next year we will need a new Chairperson. Thanks Chuck for all your hard work!!!
- Bob Stezowski, Building Manager
- Joe Egan, At Large Delegate
- Sue Schroeder, Finance Committee – Budget is in process. Should have by April 15<sup>th</sup> from all the commissions.
- Anne Lysaught, At Large Delegate & Council Representative – We should check with the Diocese where we are with facility assessment. The Diocese does a facility assessment at each property.
- Jeff Jameson, At Large Delegate
- Klaus Rummer, At Large Delegate
- Jennifer Lysaught, At Large Delegate

5. Closing Prayer: Fr. Max

## Attachment 2:

### St. Margaret Mary - Finance Ministry Meeting Minutes-3/16/2022- 7:30 PM -- Room: Zoom

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**Present:** Stephanie Barcel, Father Max Behna, Mary Gorman, Jeff Kroma, Jennifer Lysaught, Ofelia Palabrica, Helen Stirk --- **Absent:** Sue Schroeder (chairperson)

- **Opening prayer** or song and/or finance-related scripture reading: Jeff Kroma
- **Prior Meeting Minutes:** January minutes approved by acclimation;(no finance team meeting was held in February).
- **Review of contributions/financials - Stephanie**
  - o Stephanie said she was asked to split out the annual campaign, stocks and RMD (retirement minimum draw) in the Contributions report so she did that this month and will continue to do that going forward. Stephanie also said that a number of parishioners are doing RMDs rather than weekly donations as this can have tax benefits.
  - o It was noted that there are inconsistencies with on-line giving (We Share), the first week of the month is always low but it catches up. Stephanie said it takes 2 days to process at the bank so that could be the cause of the lag. In addition, some people give monthly instead of weekly.
  - o Stephanie said she received a \$100+ contributions to the annual campaign last week.
  - o We reviewed the February financials and it was noted that the budget number should have been \$867,000 which was down \$24,000. Stephanie adjusted the spreadsheet.
  - o Someone asked what the other receipts were in the February financials and Stephanie said there were 2 unrestricted donations for \$10,000 and \$18,000.
  - o Music was over budget and Stephanie said a lot of receipts were recently turned in for reimbursement. She feels these may be spread out over time in the future.
  - o Youth Ministry was under budget because it included additional support to cover the services the Echo apprentice provided, music and liturgy.
- **Admin Committee News - Stephanie**
  - o Admin Committee news is presented in the Admin meeting minutes.
  - o Stephanie mentioned that the Admin Committee has been working on the roof hatch installation which has been narrowed down to 2 bids. This will cost about \$14,000 and will be done in the May or June, when it is safe to be out on the roof.
  - o Stephanie mentioned the HVAC units will be reassessed. We still have 3-4 of the original ones so it will be determined if they need to be replaced.
  - o At the end of April the Admin Committee will meet to get quotes for handicap parking spaces and to reseal the parking lots.
- **December report for the bulletin**
  - o The report was reviewed and someone pointed out that in the first line of the report, first quarter should be replaced with first half of the year.
  - o Helen pointed out that Jennifer's name was listed at the end of the report and perhaps that was due to the fact that she just joined the group in 2022? Stephanie was going to check with Sue whether her name should be added.
- **Internal Audit Schedule**
  - o Stephanie said that Sue will do the payroll and payables audit when she is back in town as well as the counting; Helen will join Sue for the counting audit.
  - o The group wondered if the collections would be audited as the basket is being passed again. We tentatively signed up for the following audit schedule: Jennifer would do 5 pm mass, Ofelia would do 9 am mass, and Jeff would do 11 am mass. Stephanie was going to check with Sue when this should be done.
  - o Concerning the collection audit, we also discussed that the bags money is collected in are not always signed by the collectors at mass. It was suggested that perhaps Stephanie could give the collectors a heads up that they should consistently be signing the bags prior to our audit.
- **Long Range Planning/Budget**
  - o Stephanie said the Pastoral Council approved the first draft of the commissions budget. The commissions need to complete their reviews by 4/15 and Sue will bring their approved budgets to the April meeting.
  - o The collection budget was increased to \$1.2 million this year. The annual campaign and stocks and RMD are at \$913,000.
  - o Stephanie said she is examining whether other on-line giving options would have less fees; Pay Pal charges 2.5%, which is less than We Share. We Share charges 4% for credit cards, .60 for each transaction and 1.5% for ACH transactions.
- **Change to May meeting**
  - o The May meeting was changed from Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- **New Business**
  - o Stephanie said that Loretta Mercadante's last day as office receptionist is tomorrow. Mary, who has been covering the pm shift will switch to the am shift and extend her hours which will save some money.
  - o Father Max asked if there might be money in the rectory budget to make some minor changes to the rectory such as changing the carpet and updating the kitchen. We said since the rectory looked like it would finish under budget, now might be the time to do that.
- **Closing Prayer:** Jeff Kroma. Next meeting: Thurs. April 21st 7 pm via Zoom.Helen will lead prayers.



# CWC Report

April 2022

## **Altar Servers**

Inactive

*Ken Miles*

## **Art and Environment**

Collette Presnak and Joann Jeffries continue to help with A&E and have made Easter preparations.

*Submitted by Barb Ryan*

## **Baptism Assistants**

- 3 dynamic couples met in Feb and two of the couples, had 3 kids each. It was nice to see how open they were and related to one another. I look forward to working with some of these couples in the future that can help lead future sessions.
- We are trying out switching the date and time of the meetings, to be more accommodating of parent's schedules (Sat morning and Saturday late afternoon). We have 5 couples signed up for the April 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. Also, if the parents are unable to attend the meeting before their child's Baptism, I have asked that they watch the videos before and attend the Prep gathering after. People have been willing to do this.
- Baptism Ministry volunteers- 3 new people have approached me with the desire to be volunteers for Baptisms. Looking into training and when to plug them into the schedule.
- Baptisms- Only 3 children were Baptized in March, but several more are scheduled for April and May. We also have some already scheduled for June and July. This is nice to see the planning ahead!

*Submitted by Kelly Reznicek*

## **Bread Bakers**

Inactive

## **Eucharistic Ministers**

Two candidates to be onboarded after Easter. Also advised EMs that they should be masked while serving.

*Submitted by Bill Hassett*

## **Family Altar Servers**

Inactive

## **Greeters**

We need more greeters and are working on emergency protocols for current greeters.

*Submitted by Desmond Curran*

### **Linen Launderers**

No report.

*Loretta Mercandante*

### **Liturgy Coordinator**

Working on Holy Week liturgies. They are coming together. There are issues since the considerable help from the Liturgy Development Committee is no longer available and our usual helpers at these services are also no longer available. New people, new procedures will be needed and necessary as we move through Holy Week this year. We do have deacons and I'll be MCing all services, but that will not be taking up all the slack, so keep us all in prayer.

*Submitted by Ken Miles*

### **Lectors**

No report.

*Felice Chillemi*

### **Music Ministry**

- The Children's Choir has rehearsed a few times already, and we have 18 children in the choir. We also have an 8th grader who will be accompanying the choir regularly, and I will be coaching him as well. The Children's Choir will sing for the first time on Easter Sunday.
- The Schola Cantorum (9AM choir) has been low in numbers, making it difficult for choral music, but we will still be singing on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Recruitment efforts are ongoing, but it has not been easy.
- Youth cantor scholarship has been announced, and auditions will begin in May, for the upcoming school year. Currently, we have three youth cantors.

*Submitted by Jessica Chi*

### Contemporary Choir:

It's wonderful to have full choir back singing and playing. We are still masking due to the close proximity singing. I am planning to do some recruitment. We continue to rehearse for Holy Week and Easter.

*Submitted by Brian Pelz*

### **Sacristans**

No report.

*Submitted by Barb Ryan*

## **Christian Service Commission 2021-2022**

Monthly Report to the Parish Council

**April 2022**

Leadership Guidance Request:

None

**Bereavement:** No report

**Big Day of Service:** The committee is looking to solidify a Saturday in October for our next one. Stephanie Barcel has the information and will include it in the Staff calendar planning meetings.

Carrie Tilton

**BSA Scouts (Troop 507):** Troop 507 and Pack 507 participated in a diaper drive for Exodus World Service, the organization that SMMP's Refugee Ministry works with. Thank you to parishioner Steve Griffin, who brought this opportunity to the Scouts.

Carrie Tilton

**Charitable Contributions:** The Parish Council recently approved the 4th quarter budget for the Charitable Contributions Committee. The Committee will meet on Tuesday April 12 at 7:15pm to review 3 organizations seeking funds.

Pam Cieslak

**Christmas Giving Tree:** Nothing new to report.

Mary Anderson

**Comfort Care Ministry (Funeral lunches and Emergency Meals):**

Nothing new to report. Rochelle Lucciano reported earlier this month that she is not offering funeral lunches to families who come in to prepare for funerals. We will discuss this further as Covid Restrictions are eased.

Kathy Kalina

**Cub Scouts (Pack 507):** Troop 507 and Pack 507 participated in a diaper drive for Exodus World Service, the organization that SMMP's Refugee Ministry works with. Thank you to parishioner Steve Griffin, who brought this opportunity to the Scouts.

Carrie Tilton

**Daybreak Transitional Housing:** Each of our 3 families are progressing with no notable changes from our last report. Our ministry is blessed with the support of many generous donors. It costs our ministry \$1000 per month per family for their apartment and social services from Bridge Communities. We have met our fundraising goals this fiscal year without the need for a fundraising event. Our mentors are grateful for the support so that we can focus our energy on supporting our families lives.

Carl VanDril

**Earth Care:** no report

**Food Pantry:** no report

**Holiday Food Basket Committee:** This is the last week for parishioners to sign up to donate Easter Ham Food Baskets for families of 6, individual baskets for a Veteran or Urgently needed food and supplies for the following agencies: Mutual Ground/Breaking Free-Aurora, Marian Park-Mercy Housing-Wheaton, 360 Youth Services-Naperville.

Thursday, April 7th, between the hours of 9am to 11am, parishioners will be driving up using the circle drive at the entrance of the church. Volunteers will come to each vehicle and remove their donation from the parishioners' vehicles. Volunteers will be sorting and organizing the donations for the agencies in the Upper Room and Library. Beginning at noon agencies will be picking up their Easter Ham food baskets and/or Urgently Needed food and supplies for their agency's clients. From the Sign Up list, it appears this will be another very successful Food Basket Donation.

Judy Fus

**Knights of Columbus:** no report

**Legion of Mary:** no report

**Men's Club:** 57 members (+2 on Zoom) for a total of 59 men attended our monthly meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Center.

Highlights from our March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting included:

- Larry Lucas gave the membership an update on the Chicago White Sox outing being planned for May 26<sup>th</sup>.
- A spring Men's Club golf outing is being planned for Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, Bob Woods will be organizing this event.

- Terry Wagner gave us an update on commission chairs for the 2022 picnic, to be held on September 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Bob Hansen presented his recommendations for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter direct charitable donations, which was unanimously approved
- Ray Gloor presented the membership with a motion to approve subsidizing the purchase of a new vacuum cleaner, which was also approved.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> “social” night of 2022 was held on March 25<sup>th</sup> at the Parish Center. Approx. 20 Men enjoyed playing cards, commodore, pizza and watching some of the March Madness-NCAA basketball games

Our next Men’s Club meeting is on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm at the Parish Center. John Andreoni, infectious disease expert will be addressing the group after the formal business meeting, giving his insight on pandemic and other medical topics.

The March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting was our last “hybrid” zoom meeting, ending a string of 24 straight ZOOM monthly meetings conducted by the Men’s Club through the pandemic. Special thanks to Dan Lawler for setting up the last 10 “hybrid” meetings in the parish center, allowing us to hold Men’s Club meetings in an safe environment.

Jeff Krebs

**Military Ministry:** no report

**Sunday Nursery:** closed until further notice due to Covid protocols

**PADS:** PADS Update – We delivered 70 meals to the homeless on March 10, staying at the Naperville Red Roof Inn. Our next delivery is 200 meals to the IHC on March 31. (IHC is the Interim Housing Center, formerly the Downers Grove Red Roof Inn).  
Steve O’Brien

**Pastoral Care:** This month, with COVID numbers down, I reached out to Edward Hospital regarding restarting hospital visits by our Pastoral Minister of Care. I learned that earlier in March, Edward Hospital reinstated allowing visitors to visit their loved ones in the hospital.  
I spoke to Reverend Ingram, Edward Hospital’s Chaplin. We talked at length about restarting Communion visits for the patients at Edward Hospital. The Reverend informed me that there is a committee from the hospital that is discussing best practices for our Pastoral Ministers of Care. They want to keep everyone safe so

they are formulating specific procedures that the PMC will need to follow. The Reverend thought this would take a few weeks.

After I talked to the Reverend, I informed my PMC about Edward Hospital's thoughts about resuming Communion for their patients. I also asked that the PMC consider restarting hospital visits again. I have only heard from one PMC. They expressed that they were happy to hear there was some movement for our near future return to our hospital visits.

Stephanie Barcel informed me that Sam Jacob from Edward Hospital contacted her. He was inquiring about restarting SMMP's Pastoral Ministers of Care Communion Visits. This morning, Friday, I heard back from Sam Jacob. He said I should be receiving further information/procedures. I will contact my PMC and ask them to identify if they feel safe and are willing to return to hospital Communion visits.

Judy Fus

**Pro-LIFE Committee:** Nothing new to report

Mary Ann Cronauer

**Refugee Support Group:** The Refugee Ministry has been busy. We had a meeting on March 1 with a representative from Exodus World Services in attendance. As a result of that meeting members purchased 4 "Baby Packs" for refugee mothers, a "Welcome Pack" for a single refugee, and we partnered with the SMMP Scouts on a diaper drive for refugee babies. The funds that were used to purchase these items were donations from parishioners as well as other donors.

These packages have all been purchased and we expect all to be delivered sometime early April.

Steve Griffin

**St. Vincent dePaul:** Thank you to our donors who provide generous support which allows us to provide aid to folks in our community in the form of rent, gasoline, food, utilities and car repairs. Mark Oliphant has stepped down as President after holding the position for 18 years. We are looking for new members.

Loretta Mercadante will be the contact going forward.

Mark Oliphant

**September Club:** We are intending to meet monthly for the balance of the year 2022 since our meeting on 3/2/22.

Dan Patt

**Sharing Parish:** no report

**Sunshine Ministry:** Nothing new to report

Mary Straub

**Welcoming Committee:** Nothing new to report

Judy Reiser