

## **St. Margaret Mary Parish Pastoral Council Minutes December 6, 2022**

Present: Mike Anderson, Fr. Max Behna, Mary Kienstra, Dan Lawler, Lise Nauman, Steve Novotny, Kathy O'Rourke, Bob Presnak, Barb Ryan, Susan Stonesifer

Absent: Anne Lysaught

The meeting began at 7 pm and Lise Nauman led the opening prayer.

### President's Report

Pastoral Council members will be reading Chapters 1-4 of *Divine Renovation* by Fr. James Mallon in preparation for the next meeting on January 3. Another resource that may be of interest is a 5-part video series by Fr. Mallon on YouTube.

### Pastor's Report

The Diocese of Joliet has accepted an offer to purchase the field at All Saints Catholic Academy.

There was discussion on *Divine Renovation* and the importance of building a deep foundation.

### Staffing:

Anita Wennlund has started work as a part-time secretary and is being trained by Rochelle Luciano, who is in the new role of Director of Mission Advancement.

There was discussion on the open building manager position. Topics included attracting candidates, where to search for candidates, and ways to get help for projects in the meantime. Fr. Max will tell Stephanie Barcel, the business manager, about these ideas.

We will need 1-2 additional people to help set up and clean up in the week before Christmas. In addition to recruiting within the parish, one idea is to advertise at North Central College and College of DuPage.

### Deacon Keith Strohm from M3 Ministries:

Deacon Keith is available to meet with the council to provide spiritual formation on January 3 and January 17 from 7-9 pm. Attendance is required for all council members who are in town. Dan Lawler will assist with recording both meetings.

### February Staff/Council Retreat:

Possible dates are February 4, 11 and 25 (all Saturdays).

Fr. Max will gauge availability using a Google poll or similar method.

Mission and vision (where we want to go as a parish and how we get there):  
There was robust discussion on the goal of bringing people to new life in Christ at St. Margaret Mary, and how to get there. Topics included:

- connecting with new parishioners
- current opportunities at SMMP for parishioners to grow closer to Christ
- importance of radical hospitality
- reaching people amid a changing world

Break

#### Parish volunteer appreciation event

The appreciation event is on January 21, and there will be a meeting in early January to discuss it. Pastoral Council members will need to RSVP to the general invitation.

#### Christian Service Commission

No new updates

#### Christian Worship Commission

Volunteers will put up outdoor decorations in the next few weeks, clean the church on December 21 and put up Christmas decorations on December 23 at 9 am.

Lessons and Carols is on December 16, and will be an evening of music and Scripture readings.

#### Faith Formation

No new updates

#### Stewardship Committee

Letters for the SMMP Annual Appeal have been sent, and an appeal video was in the December 5 Monday Missives.

Fr. Max led the closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.