

Tri-Parish Pastoral Council
July 13, 2021
6:00pm at the Holy Rosary Church Basement

Attendance: Father Emmanuel, Father Timothy Reither, Benjamin Mitchell, Jean Gardner, Carol K. Bauer, Colleen Weiss, Dan Traun, Jan Spindler, Mike Baier, Tiffany Garner, Chris Weisenbeck, Kathy Herfel, Wanda Evans, Rose Sabelko, Gary Sabelko.

- I. **Opening Prayer.** Father Emmanuel welcomed everyone the meeting and opened the meeting with prayer.

- II. **Introduction of Fr. Timothy Reither and Benjamin Mitchell.** Father Reither thanked everyone for serving on the pastoral council and acknowledged he was newly ordained to the priesthood on June 26th. Benjamin Mitchell recently accepted the position of Parish Coordinator of Evangelization and Faith. Benjamin stated he and his wife, Josephine, moved into a home in Mondovi this May.

- III. **Family Life/Social Justice Committee Report.** No report at this time.

- IV. **St. Vincent de Paul Report.** Carol Bauer gave a summary report including the status of the expansion of the Thrift Store. (Complete report is attached.)

- V. **PCCW Reports.**
Holy Rosary: In the absence of PCCW representation, Dan Traun gave an update regarding the status of the fall festival. An online auction will run from August 14th through the 21st, with pickup on August 22nd. A drive-thru roast beef dinner will be held the following week, August 29th. Volunteers will make poppy rolls on August 5th. A fall school dance is scheduled for October 23rd.

Sacred Heart: Kathy Herfel reported the PCCW hosted a reception for Father Reither, would be serving a meal for Habitat for Humanity on Wednesday, one funeral meal was recently served, the bible study group may resume meeting, and the next in-person deanery meeting will be held at St. Henry's in Eau Galle. Plans are still being worked on to have a Saturday morning retreat this fall at Sacred Heart.

St. Mary's: Tiffany Garner reported a scholarship was given to a graduating senior, their PCCW hosted a reception for Father Reither, and their fall festival is scheduled for the first weekend in October. They may try to serve a PCCW meal this year.

- VI. **School Report.** Not available at this time.

- VII. **Faith Formation Report.** Benjamin Mitchell reported the Tri-Parish Youth will be going to Steubenville in Rochester, Minnesota from July 22nd through the 25th, Vacation Bible School is presently happening at Holy Rosary, and youth will be working at Country Jam this Thursday through Saturday to help pay for their Steubenville trip. He will be calling

upon catechists and the plan is to resume with in-person classes. Father Emmanuel suggested the Faith Formation Committee meet with Benjamin.

VIII. Pastor's Report. Father Emmanuel expressed concern to make it more comfortable and convenient for parishioners to return to mass. Father Emmanuel will announce changes this weekend at the Masses.

IX. Return to Normal Mass. The following will be resumed:

- a. Altar servers.
- b. Two readers.
- c. Gift bearers.
- d. Greeters.
- e. Ushers to use collection baskets with handles.
- f. Money counters.
- g. Selling Scrip after Mass.
- h. Remove ropes from pews.
- i. Funeral receptions.
- j. Holy water in baptism fountain and at front entrance.
- k. Continue use of touchless holy water as an option to parishioners.
- l. Announcements can be given before Mass.

Father Emmanuel has resumed visits for Mass at nursing homes and assisted living.

Jean Gardner stated she has resumed home visits for blood pressure checks.

With Father Reither as an Associate Pastor for the Tri-Parish it was deemed possible add two weekend Masses with a 9:00 o'clock Mass added Sunday morning at St. Mary's and a 6:30 Mass Saturday evening at Sacred Heart.

Adoration Resumed: 24-Hour Adoration will be at Holy Rosary the second Thursday of each month. It will begin after the 8:30 Mass and conclude at the 8:30 Mass Friday morning.

40-Hour Adoration will be held during Advent at St. Mary's and during Lent at Sacred Heart.

X. **FORMED Program – Evangelization.** Father Emmanuel encouraged parishioners to use topics and materials to learn about the church and grow in faith, to become comfortable to evangelize.

XI. **Reaching Out to Inactive Parishioners.** It was noted that there are parishioners who have not attended Mass in the Tri-Parish for a few years. Parish rosters are being reviewed for each parish and Father Emmanuel and/or the Central Office may reach out to these parishioners, by letter or phone call, with the intention of letting these parishioners know they are part of the church family.

Carol stated she had been approached by a parishioner who needs a ride to church. This will be evaluated further.

Recently, someone inquired as to what goes on at the Pastoral Council. After discussion, Chris Weisenbeck suggested the minutes of the Pastoral Council be published on the Tri-Parish website. It was decided to post the minutes from the Pastoral Council and PCCW meetings on the website.

XII. **Revisit Time and Talent.** Father Emmanuel stated the Tri-Parish would do a Time and Talent campaign again, as it was not able to be carried out last year due to the presence of Covid-19 and not have in-person Masses. It is noted that the status of some of the liturgical ministers has changed and we are in need of more volunteers. Jan Spindler suggested the current form be reviewed and add any revisions before distributing the form.

XIII. **Closing.** Father Timothy Reither closed the meeting with prayer at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rose Sabelko