

Tri-Parish Pastoral Council
December 2, 2021
6:30pm at the Holy Rosary Church Basement

Attendance: Father Emmanuel Asamoah-Bekoe, Benjamin Mitchell, Mary Lansing, Kris Unser, Carol K. Bauer, Dan Traun, Jan Spindler, Mike Baier, Greg Weiss, Wanda Evans, Rose Sabelko, Gary Sabelko.

- I. **Opening.** Father Emmanuel opened the meeting with prayer.
Father Emmanuel asked everyone to review the minutes from the July 13th meeting. After review, Jan Spindler made a motion to accept the minutes. Mike Baier gave a 2nd motion. Motion carried and the minutes were accepted as presented.
- II. **Family Life/Social Justice Committee Report.** There was no report at this time.
- III. **St. Vincent de Paul report.** Carol Bauer gave a comprehensive report. Carol stated they have new brochures for the Durand Shepherd's Fold Conference of St. Vincent de Paul. This brochure is specific to the Durand area. They have been doing more in-home visits to friends in need. The Mobile Food distribution at St. Mary's has been well-attended. Eighty to ninety families are served each month. The Thrift Store continues to grow and volunteers are always needed. (Full report attached.)
- IV. **PCCW Reports:**
 1. St. Mary's – report is tabled at this time.
 2. Holy Rosary – PCCW representative not present. Dan Traun had helped with several projects and reported they served 591 for the November drive-through fish supper. Currently, a survey was sent out, asking whether people would attend the Lenten fish suppers if served in the church hall, versus continuing with the drive-through dinners. Early consensus is that the fish suppers remain as a drive-through.
 3. Sacred Heart – Wanda Evans reported Spirituality Retreat was held November 6th. It was felt to be successful and will be planned again in 2022. Christmas baskets were distributed to Tri-Parish staff, catechists, homebound parishioners and other parishioners who serve our church community. The PCCW purchase gifts for Baptism, First communion, Confirmation and Graduations. The Mondovi Knights of Columbus share the cost of these projects. Homebound Ministry is reaching out to parishioners who may be ready to have Communion brought into their homes again.
- V. **School Report was given by Mary Lansing, Principal of Assumption Catholic School:**

Enrollment up 11 students from last year- 127

The USDA is providing FREE lunch to every child in the country. This is an extension of the free summer meal program. The extension of the USDA funds means your children will have their meals paid for by the USDA for the school year.

Faith:

- Retraining altar servers and having all 3rd grader students try it
- Focusing on a new Virtues in Education program
- (6-8) participated in a day-long NET Retreat on Monday, October 4th

Advent Programs:

- 4K-3rd grade program – Lima Campus - Sunday, December 12th **at 12:30**
- 4-8 grades Live Nativity/program – Durand - Thursday, December 16th **at 6:00**

Christmas Concert:

- 4-8 Band and Choir Concert- Durand Campus – Thursday, January 6th **at 6:00**

Academics:

- Great staff
- Grant for technology
- Looking into new literature curriculum and text books
- Weeding books in our library
- Drive in days Monday, November 22 and Tuesday, November 23.
- Brains and Brawn news

Service:

- Middle school wash dishes and tables in cafeteria
- Partnered with St. Vincent de Paul and gave supplies for birthday boxes. Helping to make birthdays special for children of struggling parents.
- Magazine sales \$10,505.94! and **182** chicks and 2 pigs through Food for the Poor
- for TRUNK or TREAT this
- Honoring our veterans at each campus.
- Boxes of Joy – 371 boxes
- Durand Dazzle Parade

Forensics (4n6) Athletic Home and School Car Wash Fundraiser

Open gym opportunities in January

- K-3 students: Tuesdays, from 3:10-4:30
- Pickle ball: Volleyball league: tri-parish family volleyball league on Sunday afternoons

Bingo, caroling

VI. **Faith Formation Report.** Benjamin Mitchell reported CCD classes are in-person and that the majority of registrations are turned in. Students helped with the Food Drive. Liturgy of the Word has resumed at St. Mary's and will need to start at Holy Rosary and Sacred Heart. Benjamin also reported that registration is due soon for any parishioners or students who may want to participate in the Pilgrimage for Life that will take place in Washington in January. Benjamin will speak about this pilgrimage at all three parishes during Mass this coming weekend. The following are Faith Formation changes being considered for the 2022 - 2023 year.

1. The 6th grade may move to the morning or afternoon. They would meet on Sunday morning at Sacred Heart.
2. Grades 1 through 6 would stay weekly on Wednesday afternoons in Durand and Sunday mornings in Mondovi.

3. *Grades 7-10th would meet every other week. Weeks 1&3 at Durand and Week 2&4 at Mondovi.*
4. *On "off" weeks 9th and 10th Graders will use workbook and watch short videos and reflect on it. (Total time for homework will not be more than 45 minutes unless the youth chooses to do more.*
5. *Quarterly Family Faith Nights would be implemented. Time would be 2 hours total: 40 minutes to eat and short talk; 25 minutes will be free time to play/be more energetic; 25 minutes to give parents resources and parents teach lesson to their children. There would then be 20 minutes for adoration and confession; concluding with 10 minutes for wrap-up.*

VII. Pastor's Report. Father Emmanuel reported that Father Reither will have a Latin Mass at St. Mary's on Saturday at 6:15 p.m. It is a German tradition that occurs in Latin. It was acknowledged that Sara Mack had purchased books for the Tri-Parish to encourage growth in Faith Formation for our parishioners. There are also Leader Guides for bible study groups.

VIII. Review of the Time and Talent Volunteering. It was noted that the majority of the survey forms returned were from parishioners already serving in ministries. Father Emmanuel noted Greg Weiss had volunteered to represent Holy Rosary on the Pastoral Council. Father Reither will schedule training sessions in January with guidelines for Eucharistic Ministers and Sacristans. Altar Server training has already begun through the Assumption schools and will be scheduled for Mondovi after the first of the year. There were a few new parishioners and Father Emmanuel encouraged representation from each ministry reach out to these parishioners. It was also noted that St. Mary's has a need for sacristans. Dorothy Prissel is sacristan for Sundays, weekdays and funerals. There is a need to have another sacristan, especially for the Saturday 4 o'clock Mass. Marsha Schlosser and Patty Bauer are the main sacristans for Holy Rosary. Sacred Heart has a couple new sacristans who will begin once we have had training.

IX. Review of the year 2021. Father Emmanuel acknowledged the dedication of those parishioners involved with PCCW, Pastoral Councils, Finance Councils, Liturgy Committee, Buildings and Grounds Committee and those involved with Faith Formation. There have been ongoing challenges during the Covid pandemic but our Tri-Parish has been able to continue to move forward because of the commitment from everyone on these organizations. Father Emmanuel expressed appreciation to everyone.

Carol Bauer inquired regarding the status of the sacrarium, which was listed on the Holy Rosary "Wish List". Greg Weiss asked about specifications for drainage. Father Emmanuel stated there are plans to put a sacrarium back into the sacristy.

Mass attendance was discussed. There are still a number of parishioners who have not returned to Mass in-person. Members are encouraged to reach out to some of these parishioners, or even let Father Emmanuel know if a home visit might be helpful. Rose

Sabelko stated their PCCW has been contacting parishioners who may now be considered homebound. Wanda Evans is head of the Homebound Ministry and is coordinating this effort.

- X. **RCIA & Faith Formation.** Currently there are two students in RCIA, Josh Ingli and Ethan Schneider. Couples involved with RCIA instructions are Steve & Becky Williamson and Don & Collette Weiss. Father Emmanuel stated RCIA is open to all Tri-Parish parishioners as an extension of Faith Formation for adults.

- XI. **Meeting closed** with prayer at 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 3rd, 6:30 p.m., at Holy Rosary.

Respectfully submitted,
Rose Sabelko,