

PASTORAL COUNCIL – July 17, 2023

In Attendance: Jason Ellis, Mo Glende, Megan Major, Joe Wolf, Judy Parks, Tamra Storms (S)

Ex Officio: Fr. Ryan McCandless, Gloria Green **Absent:** Vanessa Vargas **Vacant Position:** Vice President (Vacant: Parish Life)

REPORTS

Old Business

- The procession for Corpus Christi was quite successful with good feedback.
- Michelle Coonrod is the new parish administrative assistant.
- Christina Price is now producing and editing bulletin and other publications.

New Business

- Future Manhattan Catholic High School planning committee was formed with the Diocese.
- RDG architects are coming to visit to discuss a new parish office. This is the architectural firm that completed the church renovations.

Finance Report — Mo Glende

- Meeting held March 27, 2023
- Stacie Levendofsky provided this year's budget as compared to the previous year and explained the line items that showed unusual increases and decreases.
- Stewardship Drive is underway for summer months due to low envelope donations and reduction in donations during the summer.

Latino Liaison - Gloria Green

- A meeting was held July 8th with all the ministries members - lectors, EMOC, hospitality, etc. to work on faith formation. A women's committee will be established to bring meals to families in need, etc.
- Madres will be gone for July and will likely return in the Fall. An adult formation class has been requested in Spanish when they return.
- Firefighters held presentation June 11th after the Spanish Mass in the church

COMMISSION REPORTS

Liturgy — Joe Wolf

- No meeting.
- Liturgy is running short on EMOC, Hospitality, and Servers during the summer months especially. All members are encouraged to sign up as a new minister or volunteer for extra hours if already involved in a ministry.

Catholic Formation - Fr. Ryan / Vanessa Vargas (absent)

- Jenn Hinnen is the Formation Director following Rosie Rundell's retirement. Jenn will also be teaching RCIA classes.
- Adult catechesis for the Parish will continue to be held Thursday evenings in the church basement with Fr. Ryan and Jenn.
- Year of Mercy retreat is scheduled for our parish for February 11th and 12th, 2024 with Bishop Vincke.

Building and Grounds — Fr. Ryan

- A building and grounds committee is being put together to manage the grounds, campus, and future plans.
- The pew manufacturer has been contacted for solutions to fix the scratches and damage that has shown up on the pew seats.
- Central Mechanical has been completing the maintenance for heating, cooling, and appliances in all church and school buildings.
- Grounds maintenance continues through the summer.

Parish Life — position vacant

- Representatives of Parish Life and Social Action commissions met to finalize plans for the Parish Picnic and Arts on the Green. A combined church picnic and community art celebration will be held Sunday, Sept 10th in the MCS school cafeteria and green space north of the Luckey building.
- The Church Picnic will be from 4-5:30p in the MCS grade school cafeteria. Outdoor activities and games will be in the parking lot behind the Luckey Building.
- A permit will be requested with the city to block off traffic on Pierre to allow safe pedestrian crossing from the grade school to the Luckey building and green space.

MCS/Council of Education — Megan Majors

- End of school picnic was held May 15th, 2023 and the last day of school was May 16th.
- A First Grade teacher will be added to have three first grade classrooms. Kindergarten had three classrooms last year as well due to a large grade.
- Job Opportunities available: K-8 counselor, school nutrition worker, morning crossing guard.
- Class schedule will change for the upcoming school year to 7:30-3p.

Social Action — Tamra Storms

- Arts on the Green will be held Sept. 10th from 4:30-7p on the Green Space north of the Lucky Building. This event will be available to attend during and after the Church Picnic.
- Funds raised this year will benefit Common Table. 'Building community one meal at a time,' Common Table provides free meals to feed the hungry and provide a community gathering space. Previously the meals have rotated through churches and centers, however, a new centralized location will be utilized at the previous MHS East Campus. Common Table will continue to be sponsored by Manhattan churches and community members.
- Multiple Arts will be available for enjoyment including culinary, visual, music, and hand-made crafts.
- A variety of musicians have been asked to perform. Invitations are being extended to MAC artists and Seven Dolors artists and bakers.

Evangelization — Judy Parks

- SDWC would like to start taking meals to families with new babies and visiting the hospitalized and homebound. Spanish ministries will be included in revitalizing these

Complete reports are attached and become a permanent part of these minutes.

Next Meeting: Monday, August 28th, 2023 @ 7p in the church basement

***These minutes have been condensed for the bulletin
Parish Council meetings are open for any parishioner to attend*

**Council 1832
Seven Dolors
Catholic Church**

Grand Knight: *Craig Ronnebaum*

Deputy Grand Knight: *Dan Strafuss; Chaplain Fr. Ryan McCandless*

Next Meeting – Tuesday, August 1st, K of C council chambers in budget shop basement. We will begin at 7:15 with The Rosary and our business meeting will follow at approximately 7:30

We held our meeting on July 5th in the Knights of Columbus Hall in the budget shop basement. We started at 7:15 with our rosary followed by the business meeting. We will host our 5th Sunday rosary 25 minutes prior to each mass the weekend of July 29th and 30th. Please join us 25 minutes before mass to say the rosary together as a parish. Please continue to pray for the women that are considering abortion and the pro-life movement in our state and country as the 1-year anniversary of the Value Them Both Amendment nears on August 2nd. We must continue to support pro-life causes and defend life from conception to natural death. August 12th is the 12th Annual Diocesan Men's Conference in Hays, KS at Immaculate Heart Church. This year's theme is Answering the Call To Honor and Defend. You can register online at salinadocese.org/office/family-life/. Speakers will include Fr. Sean Kilcawley, Fr. Jarett Konrade, Fr. Gale Hammerschmidt, and Fr. Andrew Hammeke. There will also be confession and mass celebrated by Archbishop Vincke. This is a great event for father and sons and any Catholic men wanting to deepen their faith. The Knights will host a back-to-school picnic for the MCS school children, family, and staff on Monday evening August 14th to kick off the new school year.

Pennies from Heaven 50/50 Drawing
Winners: Meeting Attendance: *Bob Morin*
Complete Membership: *Steve Shepek*

Knight of the Month for July:

Dennis Jones

Family of the Month for June:

Bryan and Jenn Hinnen

Do you know of anyone interested in becoming a Knight?

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