



**ST. JOAN OF ARC CHURCH
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

May 7, 2024

Members Present:

Rev. Gabriel Baltes, OSB
Doug Becker
Mike Budd
Maureen Cunningham
Konnor Damery
Jeremy Jackson

Mat Klody
Tom Kmiecik
Jacqueline Skelly
Lori Trinche
Brad Vaupel
Mitch Whorlow

Absent:

Andrea Uribe

Dick Webb

I. OPENING

Evening Prayer began at 7:05PM, and was led by Tom and Doug.

The meeting began at 7:18PM.

II. OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

April Minutes were approved by Doug, and seconded by Jacqueline.

Adoration Chapel Reminders

Maureen will send out reminders about the current Adoration Chapel schedule for members of the Council. She will work on creating a summer schedule.

III. PASTOR'S UPDATE

- a. New Director of Finance and Administration:** Father Gabriel introduced Lori Trinche who has replaced Leanne Van Gronigen in this position.
- b. Konnor Damery:** Konnor announced that he has taken a new position with a group called FOCUS—Fellowship of Catholic University Students. He will transition out of his job as Director of Adult Faith Formation over the next two months.
- c. Renovation Committee:** Father Gabriel has created a committee to help with planning the transition of items from the church to the gym. That committee consists of Father Gabriel, Jack Hayes, Jim Susic, Tricia DiChristofano, Rosanna Smith, Jason Martyniuk, and Mario Hernandez. Tricia will be taking photos of the

renovation process, and give parishioners periodic updates of the progress. The last Mass in the Church will be on June 2, the Feast of Corpus Christi. There will be a Eucharistic Procession after the 9:30AM Mass, and a light reception will follow in the SJA Gym. The last Mass celebrated in the Church will be the 8:15AM Student Body Mass on June 4. On June 5, items from the church will be moved to the Gym for Mass. Renovations on the church officially begin on June 6. The Committee is working on where to place signs for parishioners, placement of items in gym for Masses, and covering what remains in the church. The current plan is for Mass to be held in the Gym throughout the summer months. Once school starts, weekday Mass will be in Room 22 of the Parish Center while weekend Masses will be held in the Gym.

- d. Meeting with Dean and Bishop:** Father Dan Bachner, head of our deanery, met with Fr. Gabriel and reviewed recordkeeping, VIRTUS compliance, and other matters. Everything was reported as being in order here by Father Bachner. Bishop Hicks had a meeting with all the priests regarding Phase 3 of the closing of parishes and restructuring. The Bishop also stated that he is looking forward to delegates from all parishes attending the regional masses scheduled in October for the 75th Diocesan Anniversary. The Bishop is urging members of the Joliet Diocese to attend the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis this July. Finally, Fr. Gabriel reminded all that Bishop Hicks will be at St. Joan of Arc for the Centennial Mass on Dec. 14, 2024.

IV. SCHOOL BOARD AND FINANCE COUNCIL UPDATES

- a. School Board:** Jeremy report that there are 3 new candidates joining the School Board. All are parents of young children, and it is good to see their involvement. Jeremy will be approaching one of these new members to be the liaison to the PPC in the fall.
- b. Finance:** Lori reported that Finance Committee will be meeting tomorrow.

V. CATECHESIS—KONNOR DAMERY

Konnor presented his recommendations for the changes to the Catechesis Pillar of the Parish Strategic Plan. Amongst the changes were: definition of Catechesis to reflect the home as the primary focus; goal of Adult Faith Formation to transition from a 9 month to a year-round cycle; development of an integrated catechesis for children and parish parents; parish and school goals should follow a find-encounter-journey-witness pathway to discipleship. Jacqueline shared some ways that St. Elizabeth Seton Parish structures their R.E. program. Mat mentioned that more adult/child programs about faith may be a good way to engage more SJA parents in the program. The WeShare program at SJA was discussed, and how school families must register as a parishioner and give a minimum monthly donation to get the parishioner discount on school tuition.

VI. PARISH PILLARS—MAUREEN CUNNINGHAM

Maureen presented the suggested changes to the Strategic Plan that had been developed by the PPC over the last few months of meetings. She stressed that all changes are suggested changes, and can be revisited by the PPC as needed. Discussion regarding the tagline and parish key message led to the decision to keep it the same for now. Changes could be expensive with updating website, letterhead, signs, etc. . . Any changes in the school key message and school marketing needs to be done by the School Board. After going through the updates, the PPC accepted the new revisions to the pillars of Catechesis, Worship, Social & Service, School, and Maintenance. Maureen brought up the need to tie the Maintenance Goals to budget areas. In concluding, Maureen promised to send the final copy of the new Strategic Plan to all PPC members within the next few weeks. Father Gabriel gave Maureen much thanks for her work on these revisions.

Next Meeting

The next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, June 4 at 7:00PM in Room 24.

VII. CLOSING

The meeting ended at 9:02PM. The closing prayer for the Eucharistic Revival was provided by Father Gabriel.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Eldrenkamp

Recording Secretary