

# St. Mark Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: **February 27, 2014**  
Time: **7:00 pm**  
Location: **Parish Center Board Room**

Prayer Leader: **Chris LaFollette**  
Refreshments: **Dawn Collier**  
**Darrell Gossett/Lindsey Fischer**

## **Scripture/Shared Prayer**

**Chris LaFollette**

Matthew 6:24-34: "...But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides..."

## **Roll Call/Approval of Minutes**

**Dawn Collier**

Minutes from 01/23/14 were read, accepted and seconded. In attendance were: Deacon Tom Horn; Carolyn Bundy; Dawn Collier; Lindsey Fischer; Darrell Gossett; Mary Ann Jacobs; Chris LaFollette; Mickey Lentz; and Kathy Pierce.

## **Committee Reports**

### **A. Social Life**

**Dawn Collier**  
for Harold Bowling

The Men's Club indoor tailgate party was a good time but light on attendance. The Men's Club was able to donate \$300 to St. Vincent DePaul which was the proceeds from the party. The Men's Club also hosted the Daughter/Mother Breakfast. There were about 120 in attendance. Jenni Devoe was the speaker. The Men's Club Fish Fry is scheduled for 3/7 from 5 – 7pm.

### **B. School Commission**

**Mickey Lentz**

Mickey reported that St. Mark had several winners in the "Quest for Excellence" competition. There were firsts in vocal, drama, science, history, and speech. St. Mark's Robotics team is competing again. They competed in the fall and are preparing for more competitions. The Robotics program is sponsored by Mayor Ballard as part of his Education Initiative. School enrollment is going well for the 2014/2015 school year. There are a few openings in Pre-Kindergarten. The rest of the school is at capacity. The school continues to be grateful for the new HVAC in light of how cold this winter has been. Students and faculty are preparing for the spring I-Step applied testing. St. Mark's state rating is at a "C." This is due in part to the school's Burmese population but may also be due in part to the test accuracy because of the state's computer access issues with the fall testing. The school has a Lenten program. Spring Break is 3/28 – 4/4.

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## C. Finance Council

Dawn Collier  
for Harold Bowling

Finances are doing well. Collections have leveled out. The flat roof over the votive candles will need work after winter due to water leaks.

## D. Liturgy

Deacon Tom Horn/  
Kathy Pierce

Ash Wednesday Masses will be held at 9am and 7pm. The committee is currently in the process of setting up ministers for the various Lenten Masses.

## E. Youth

Deacon Tom

The vocations committee was put in place to heighten awareness of vocations. Cookies were baked for the seminarians at Bishop Brute. So many were prepared that 55 dozen were sent to Bishop Brute and about 120 dozen were sent to Deacon Danny at Meinrad. The cookies were delivered around Valentines Day. The youth got the cookies ready to be sent. Part of the reason this project was undertaken was to show the seminarians our appreciation but also to get the youth thinking about vocations in the church. Seventeen kids were identified from the recent "Called by Name." Most were 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Ben Horn will be here for 6 – 8 weeks as a seminarian intern. He is from Lexington, KY. The young adult meetings continue to draw about 20 young adults at each meeting.

## F. Outreach

### Inclusiveness

Darrell Gossett

The 9:30 Mass on 3/23 will be an Inclusiveness Mass where various people who are part of the Inclusiveness group will have parts in the Mass. Additionally, gluten free hosts will be available.

## G. Spiritual Life

Deacon Tom

There is currently a 6 week women's Bible study going on. Jim Welter will be here on 3/9 to lead a reflection for Lent. Katie Harmon and Matt Sherman who are both instructors at Marian University will be teaching a 4 week Lenten adult education series entitled "Lamb of God." They are St. Mark parishioners. Each Friday during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross or Adoration and Exposition and Benediction of the Holy Eucharist. On April 27<sup>th</sup> 29 youth will be confirmed. There are 11 people in RCIA and 11 people in RCIC.

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## H. Communications

Fr. Todd

Pete Masengale, the chair of the Communications Committee, has advanced the idea of an electronic newsletter.

## Agenda Items

### A. Thank You Cards

Mary Ann Jacobs

Cards were prepared for Ann Berkemeier, Mark Schmidt, Chris Guedel, and Eric Greulich for their work on the pictorial directory and also for the Liturgy Committee.

### B. PC Constitution Approval

Lindsey Fischer

The revised PC Constitution and By-Laws are ready to be signed by Father Todd.

### C. CRHP Update

Darrell Gossett

Ten men participated in the Men's CRHP retreat. Nine are continuing.

### D. Lenten Activities

Deacon Tom

Covered in the Liturgy Committee and Spiritual Life updates.

### E. O'Riley House Update

Deacon Tom

St. Mark is still in the process of choosing a new name for the O'Riley House. It will be used primarily as an adult meeting space and may eventually serve as restrooms and a concession stand for outdoor events.

### F. Festival

This year's Funfest will be held 6/12, 6/13, and 6/14.

### G. Additional Pastor Comments

Deacon Tom

Fr. Todd is in the process of forming a committee to formulate a 5 year plan for the Parish. The focus is on capital improvement of the campus. It is anticipated that the committee will take several months to form and will be led by Kevin Sweeney.

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H. For the Good of the Parish

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1. Good Things Happening:

The bell choir. We are fortunate at St. Mark to have a bell choir. The bell choir has been asked to play at Deacon Danny's first Mass which will take place this summer in Enochsburg. The Dinner Dance was a good time for community building. The Daughter/Mother breakfast was a great event. Many contributed to the cookies for the seminarians. It was a nice way for St. Mark to support the seminarians.

2. Needs in the parish: Automatic door openers.

## Reminders

- A. Next meeting
- B. Prayer Leader
- C. Refreshments

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## Closing Prayer

Chris LaFollette