

# St. Mark Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: **December 5, 2013**  
Time: **7:00 pm**  
Location: **O'Riley House**

Prayer Leader: **Darrell Gossett**  
Refreshments: **Ann Berkemeier**

## **Scripture/Shared Prayer**

**Darrell Gossett**

Matthew 3:1-12 "A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

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

**Dawn Collier**

Minutes from 10/24/2013 were read, accepted and seconded with corrections. In attendance were: Fr. Todd Riebe; Deacon Tom Horn; Ann Berkemeier; Carolyn Bundy; Dawn Collier; Lindsey Fischer; Darrell Gossett; and Mary Ann Jacobs.

## **Committee Reports**

### **A. Social Life**

**Harold Bowling**

Fr. Riebe reported that the Bingo Bash netted about \$9000. The Dinner Dance will be held 01/31/14 at Valle Vista.

### **B. School Commission**

**Mickey Lentz**

Dawn Collier reported that Liam Collier scored in the top ten on the High School Placement Test and earned a scholarship to Roncalli High School.

### **C. Finance Council**

**Harold Bowling**

Fr. Riebe reported that collections dropped in October and are less than budgeted. Kevin Sweeney anticipates that during the Advent season collections will increase and after the first of 2014 the gap will be closed.

### **D. Liturgy**

**Kathy Pierce**

Deacon Tom reported that Dave Jackson made the beautiful new Advent wreath stand in about a week's time and Deacon Tom is very appreciative. The old one was falling apart.

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## Agenda Items

### A. Hope and Healing Support Group

Judy Proctor

Judy Proctor presented information about the Hope and Healing Support Group which she felt called to establish because of her own experience with suicide. The purpose of the support group is to help those who are dealing with the aftermath of suicide. The group was established in April of 2013. Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month and are led by Judy. Generally there is a guest speaker. Currently about 20 people attend the meetings. There are some participants who attend regularly; others attend sporadically and still others may attend only once to hear a particular speaker. There are not many support groups like this in this area; the closest is on the east side. The attendees are not necessarily from St. Mark and not all are Catholic.

Judy is on the board of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. The AFSP sponsors "Out of the Darkness" walks; have made an educational film for middle and high school age children entitled "More Than Sad"; sponsor legislation regarding mental health and advocate for those suffering from mental health issues. Judy's website address is [hopeandhealingsos.com](http://hopeandhealingsos.com).

### B. PC Constitution and By-Laws Subcommittee Update

Lindsey Fischer

The subcommittee presented the Parish Pastoral Council Constitution with some revisions made and some areas that need further review. All members were asked to review the documents prior to the next meeting.

### C. NCYC Recap

Deacon Tom

Thirty-five students and 12 chaperones from St. Mark attended The National Catholic Youth Conference. There were 23,000 high school students from all over the nation in attendance. It was inspirational to see so many young people together in one place worshipping God. The NCYC will be in Indianapolis again in 2 years. Next year the Indiana Catholic Youth Conference will be held in Indianapolis.

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## D. Nocturnal Adoration Update

Deacon Tom

Twenty-six new parishioners heard the call to participate in Nocturnal Adoration. Two are returning worshipers who had dropped out. Seventeen of the new members will rotate through the hours. Nine will not rotate but will attend from 7 to 8 pm each month. There were 10 parishioners at the Burmese hour. No one was interested in a silent hour so there will not be a silent hour going forward. When Nocturnal Adoration was first started there were 134 parishioners participating. With the recent additions there are now 118 parishioners participating in Nocturnal Adoration.

## E. CRHP Update

Darrell Gossett

There are 2 women registered for Women's CRHP with 2 more verbally committed. Pulpit Sunday will be the weekend of January 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Deacon Tom had sent a letter to about 400 new families inviting them to attend CRHP among other activities at St. Mark.

## F. Pastor Comments

Fr. Todd

The number of people at Thanksgiving Mass was great!

## G. Connected in the Spirit

The Archdiocese has sent their comments and our cohort has responded. The committee is continuing. St. Mark and our cohorts have agreed on 3 areas where we might work together:

- Evangelization; specifically Bringing Catholics Home.
- Social Justice
- Liturgical Ministry Formation for Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, etc.

Final comments will be received in the spring from the Archdiocese.

## H. Complete Discernment of Commission Liaisons

Lindsey/Fr. Todd

This was tabled until the next meeting when more of the council members will be available.

## I. Riley House Naming

Fr. Todd

Several suggestions were received by Father Todd from council members. Stay tuned for the final choice of names!

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## J. Thank You Cards

Many cards were signed to thank many parishioners for their service to St. Mark.

## K. For the Good of the Parish

### 1. Good things happening

Father Todd was complemented by a person who attended a funeral at St. Mark for how welcoming St. Mark is and how impressed they were with the funeral, that we have a choir that sings at funerals, and by the mercy meal. Her comment was St. Mark would make Pope Francis proud!

### 2. Needs in the parish

The kitchen in Schafer Hall could use some attention perhaps with more/better refrigeration space and cleaning/organization.

## Reminders

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

1/23/2014  
Carolyn Bundy  
Father Todd

## Closing Prayer

Darrell Gossett