

# St. Mark Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: **January 23, 2014**  
Time: **7:00 pm**  
Location: **PC Board Room**

Prayer Leader: **Lindsey Fischer**  
Refreshments: **Fr. Todd Riebe**

## Scripture/Shared Prayer

**Lindsey Fischer**

Matthew 4:16 "The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen."

## Roll Call/Approval of Minutes

**Dawn Collier**

Minutes from 12/05/2013 were read, accepted and seconded. In attendance were: Fr. Todd Riebe; Deacon Tom Horn; Ann Berkemeier; Dawn Collier; Lindsey Fischer; Darrell Gossett; Chris LaFollette; Mickey Lentz; and Kathy Pierce.

## Committee Reports

### A. Social Life

**Dawn Collier**  
for Harold Bowling

Men's Night is 1/25. Bob Tully is the guest speaker. The Catholic Schools week Spaghetti Dinner is 1/26. The Dinner Dance is 1/31. The indoor tailgate party is 2/2. The Daughter/Mother breakfast will be held 2/23 after 9:30 Mass. Jennie DeVoe is the speaker.

### B. School Commission

**Mickey Lentz**

Mickey reported that the School Commission will be focusing on reviewing educational assessment test scores from I-Step (overseen by the Indiana Department of Education) and NWEA (testing used internally by St. Mark to measure student progress.) The Assistant Principals are preparing a report on test scores which will be reviewed with the goal of making improvements to help student achievement. A school Open House for prospective families will be held on February 5, 2014. Mickey suggested to the School Commission that the admissions policy be reviewed to ensure that it accurately reflects the procedure currently being used.

### C. Finance Council

**Father Todd**

Fr. Riebe reported that after the Advent Season collections were \$9000 over budget so the gap that existed before the Advent Season has been closed. Giving tree donations totaled \$4809.

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## D. Liturgy

Fr. Todd/Kathy Pierce

Christmas was celebrated peacefully and joyfully. Three couples and 2 individuals attended the "Welcome Home" weekend. Fr. Todd and Deacon Tom were available on 1/18/14 to talk to those who have been away from the church for some time. One person had attended Midnight Mass and felt a call to perhaps return to the church. This event may be repeated around Easter. On 2/2 the church's candles will be blessed. Also at this time throats will be blessed. The two weekends before Ash Wednesday old palms will be collected so that they can be burned.

## E. Youth

Deacon Tom/Fr. Todd

There were 11 attendees at the last young adult event. They will be holding a game night Saturday 1/25. There is a junior high retreat at Roncalli on February 1<sup>st</sup>. The youth group will be baking/collecting 50 dozen cookies to deliver to seminarians at Bishop Simon Brute Seminary for Valentine's Day. The cookies will be packed the Sunday before Valentine's Day.

## 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.

### HOOP

Fr. Todd

Father reported that St. Mark is going to guarantee that HOOP gets \$4000 each year to carry out their ministry. When it is bitterly cold the homeless are finding shelter.

### Birthline

Fr. Todd

The gifts to Jesus which were collected at 5:00 Mass on Christmas Eve were donated to Birthline. It was very heartwarming to see the children carrying their gifts to Jesus and then seeing all of the gifts around the Nativity.

## G. Spiritual Life

Deacon Tom

Spiritual Life is busy! Katie Harmon, an instructor at Marian University with a Ph.D. in Theology will be teaching a Lenten adult education class entitled "Lamb of God." There are 29 high school youth being confirmed. All 29 of them showed up for the retreat and they were on time! Confirmation will be held on 4/22. There are 12 adults and 11 children in RCIA. Nine men in their 20's and 30's are in RCIA.

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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

Ann Berkemeier

Thank you cards were signed for the chaperones from NCYC and for Jim Reeves for coffee and donuts. He is retiring from coffee and donuts after many years of picking up donuts.

### B. PC Constitution and By-Laws Review

Lindsey Fischer

The PC Constitution and By-Laws were reviewed and discussed. Lindsey plans on making suggested changes. She will send them to the PC for review and at the next meeting the PC can vote on acceptance.

### C. Discernment of Commission Liaisons

Lindsey/Fr. Todd

The following were determined as liaisons:

Liturgy	Kathy Pierce and Deacon Tom.
Stewardship	Fr. Todd
Communications	Lindsey

### D. Dinner Dance

Darrell Gossett

Plans for the dinner dance are advancing. There are 53 items for the auction.

### E. CRHP Update

Deacon Tom

The women's retreat was held 1/18 and 19. Wilma Cross is the Spiritual Director for Team 18. The Evening of Discipleship is 1/23.

### F. Pictorial Directory

Ann Berkemeier

All but 96 of the photo directories have been picked up. The remainder can be picked up in the Parish Office. A total of 411 photos were submitted for the directory.

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G. Lent

Fr. Todd

The goal during Lent is to have a presentation each week. There will be one night when all the parishes in the south deanery will hold reconciliation entitled "Keep the Light On."

H. Pastor Comments

Fr. Todd

St. Mark is participating in the Archdiocesan "Called By Name" program of vocation awareness. One aspect of the program is to identify those who might feel a call to a vocation in the church. There were 48 people interested in the pilgrimage to the shrines of Italy in March of 2016. This is really a great number interested. The women's Bible study is another great opportunity for learning.

I. For the Good of the Parish

All

1. Good Things Happening: The Mercy Meals headed up by Fred and Mary Pitzer are a great blessing. They recently hosted 2 mercy meals back to back.
2. Needs in the parish: The stained glass window light doesn't work.

## Reminders

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

02/28/14  
Chris LaFollette  
Harold Bowling

## Closing Prayer

Lindsey Fischer