**St. Mark Pastoral Council Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**Date: October 17, 2024 7:00 PM**

| Member | Present |
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| Fr. Adam Zajac (Pastor) | Present |
| Cari Foster (Chair) | Present |
| Dan Brennan (Vice-Chair) | Absent |
| Laura Meisterics (Secretary) | Present |
| Karen Cocita (Principal)  Christine Gunn (Assistant Principal) | Absent  Present |
| Meaghan McCarthy-Silver (Pastoral Associate) | Present |
| Carrie Shaw | Present |
| Sarah Beirne | Present |
| Dan True | Present |

| Opening Prayer:  Roll Call/ Welcome:  Approval of Minutes of meeting: | Fr Adam  Cari Foster  Carrie Shaw - approved  Sarah Beirne - seconded |
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| Commission Updates | |
| Education | -Completed Parent/Teacher Conferences today.  -10/21 STEM Goes Red for Girls @ Science Center. Mrs Henley is taking 10 girls to expose them to different fields of science.  -Halloween Parties PreK-4: Parent Club Sponsoring  -2nd Floor Dance with Student Council planning it. Parent Club is helping too.  -Veterans Day Service Nov 7 @ 9:30: Kids making cards.  “Operation Holiday Salute-Veterans Last Parole”.  Writing essays on “What Veteran’s Day means to them.  -Eucharistic Adoration Fri Nov 8th: All day. Assigned times for each classroom.  -8th Gr planning SAVERS Fundraiser  -Student Council sponsoring dress down day in support for Hurricane victims, more details to come.  Life Act coming in early December to speak with grades 5-8 about suicide prevention and stress management. |
| Spiritual Development | Sacrament preps have begun for 1st Reconciliation and Confirmation.  Approx 38 children for Confirmation  38 children for Reconciliation/Eucharist  3 RCIA children  2 RCIA teens  1 RCIA adult  1 child, 1 teen Full Communion  1 adult for Confirmation  Advent Prep underway  RCIA: Changing the name and language to “Order of Christian Initiation for Adults” or OCIA. Diocese putting on workshops regarding change. |
| Social Concerns | Holy Name Sock and Underwear drive successful, don’t have final numbers yet.  Habitat for Humanity to be speaking at all St Mark Masses with a possible 2nd collection. |
| Liturgy | “Quiet Season”.  New Servers and Eucharistic Ministers. 1 new lector: HS Freshman. Planning a liturgical minister night to discuss Eucharistic Congress.  Julia Wallace Music director back from Maternity Leave!  Bishop Malesic coming Tues April 29th for all school mass @ 9:30 |
| Evangelization | N/A |
| Unfinished Business | N/A |
| New Business | -NCCL: Planning a Parent Night. Survey sent out to school families. Early stages are going well. This year is focused on the planning aspect. Next year plans will roll into action.  -Pastoral Letter from Bishop Malesic: Topics such as “Commit to 15min of prayer a day”. Planning for it to be out during Advent. Pushing for possibly before Advent.  This will be his first letter. Plans for it to be “simple”.  -School celebrating 75yrs & Parish 79yrs:  Events being planned for the weekend of February 22 ie tours of property, an RSVP dinner. More details to come.  -Pope Francis announced next year as Jubilee Year.  -Tribunal discussing possible pilgrimages to smaller, lesser known churches in the diocese. |
| Open Forum | New servers showing enthusiasm to start. First year for 5th graders to serve.  Fr Adam spent 4 days at Convocation, felt it was successful. |
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**Motion to Adjourn: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** approved & **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**seconded

**Closing prayer: Fr Adam**

**Next Meeting:** December 12, 2024 7:00 PM