

Sacred Heart, Walker & St. Mary, Urbana  
Pastoral Council Minutes  
March 18, 2021  
via Zoom

*The Heart of Mary Cluster, inspired by the Holy Spirit, provides a welcoming faith community in which we proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by the way we live, by our worship together and in serving others.*

- I. Roll call:
  - Staff-Nancy Dobney, Marcia Reilly
  - SHW-Jim Meisheid, Brenda Dorothy, Dave Beuter, Barry Hatch, Kerry Peyton, Janet Weekly
  - SMU- Dave Oldakowski, Samantha Fish, Todd Peterson, Michele Koppedryer, Jason Jaquette (joined at 7:12)
  - Absent: Annie Brustkern
- II. Opening Prayer: Hail Mary
- III. Approval of Minutes –
  - January 21 – previously approved via email
- IV. Minutes from standing committees: Finance – Jan 28; FFC – Feb. 16; Archbishop’s guidelines re: Holy Week
  - Palms will be set on a table for Palm Sunday – no procession this year
  - Faith Formation registration information will be sent out early. Families will be able to register at this year’s pricing until June 30<sup>th</sup>. After that date, there will be an increase of \$10/student. This change was made to offset the additional costs incurred when we have had to submit multiple orders for RE materials after the publisher’s initial cut-off date.
- V. Additions to agenda-None

Old Business

- VI. Livestreaming Mass – Walker update
  - Need to run internet cable from rectory to the loft in the church to get a stronger internet signal. Waiting for DB Acoustics to come to do that “next week”. Hoping to have that taken care of before Easter morning so we can stream that Mass. Also discussed getting Nancy a new computer and using her old one for livestreaming.
- VII. Community sustaining/building
  - Some older parishioners are starting to come back after being vaccinated.
  - Still need to work on getting younger families to come back
  - Dispensation will be lifted once herd immunity is reached (probably) and slowly things will get get back to “normal”
  - Focusing outreach efforts for the fall since summer tends to be time of lower attendance anyway
  - Homework – think about how we can implement the article shared last year to connect parishioners/build community. Will discuss again at our May meeting.

- VIII. Feedback on current situation – i.e. – “How’s it going – view from the pews/community?”
- Archbishop sent an email that he is hearing that some pastors are getting pressured to lift restrictions/public health measures. Now is not the time. Keeping things at a minimum is still important. Most people are happy about what we’ve done to try to keep everyone safe.
  - Looking forward to getting back to KC breakfasts, donuts, etc!

### New Business

- IX. Confirmation liturgies – recording?
- Limiting attendance to candidate, sponsor, and 2 guests (4 with a candidate)
  - Recording with our current camera location would be hard because the Archbishop will be going to the candidates in the pews – rather than having the candidates come forward. Thus, you would not be able to see the candidates as they are confirmed. Discussed the possibility of having someone record the liturgy similar to weddings, but there would be a cost. Brenda could ask families if that is something they would be willing to pay for...nothing has been promised. General feeling that people have gotten used to/more accepting of having fewer people at weddings, funerals, etc. over the last year.
- X. May elections
- Urbana-Annie and Jason are completing their first term and could run for another term. Jason is good to run another term. Will need to check with Annie.
  - Walker-Dave’s term is up and he has completed 2 terms so he can step away (for a while). Brenda’s term is also up, but she is eligible for another term. She is willing to serve another term.
  - How to vote?
    - Do an electronic vote? Paper ballot at Mass?
    - Decision - Hybrid version where they can vote online or at Mass
    - Online will be available for only a limited time
- XI. PLC report
- Archbishop Jackels’ most recent guidance re: pandemic
  - Archbishop is exploring mandating that all parish employees must be vaccinated. General feedback from the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council and Priest Council was to not mandate, but encourage.
  - The deanery pastors/PLC recently revisited the funeral policy for the pandemic. Decided to continue not allowing visitation in the churches, no funeral dinners, and following the regular Sunday mass pandemic policy in terms of safety precautions. One change – will allow publishing the date/time of funeral liturgies, rather than stating “private family Mass”
  - Discussed possibility of renting out the hall again. One pastor in the deanery has talked about opening up for outside groups. Council members concurred that it does not make sense to rent hall but not allow meals/parish gatherings – including funeral dinners. Doing so would only lead to hurt feelings. Would be a good idea to wait on this until the dispensation is lifted and things go back to ‘normal.’
  - First Communion Masses-will spread them out again like last year. Families can pick a Mass that works for them, up to 4 students at each Mass.

**Next SH-SMU pastoral council meeting:** *Thursday, May 20 – 6:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart, Walker*

## Sacred Heart

- I. Buildings & Grounds updates on repairs needed/potential projects
  - Lighting in church
    - Dave met with Matt Michael after church last weekend, he is going to talk to Dave Zabokrtsky and borrow the scaffolding and will work to get the lights swapped out soon.
  - Water issue in rectory
    - Appears to be from the drinking faucet, which is the best-case scenario. Water is off now and everything is dry, that line will need to be replaced in the future.
- II. First Fruits
  - Approved donation to North Linn PTO for Teacher meals at conferences

## St. Mary, Urbana

- I. Update on fundraising
  - So far, we have heard from 48 people out of 275 families
  - \$26,745 has been pledged
    - Already received \$23,287
    - Some are waiting to see things happen before they pay/pledge
- II. First Fruits
  - \$448 Available
    - Discussed a family in Urbana who had house fire - Jason will look into needs by talking to CPU schools
      - Will decide on an amount via email based on the need