

MINUTES
Churches of St. Patrick and St. Mary of the Lake - Joint Pastoral Council
Site: St. Mary of the Lake, Lake City
September 22, 2016

MISSION STATEMENT: *To use our resources, wisdom and energy to empower and encourage parish families and surrounding communities so that people see Christ in our works and commitment to make our parishes thrive and grow and to share our faith with others.*

VISION STATEMENT 2013: *“Ten years from now there will be twice as many parishioners involved and active in the parish and through us, all will know and experience Christ.”*

Present: Father Pete, Marilyn and Jerry Pfeilsticker, Marty Foster, Bill Diedrich, Ben Bly, Bob Wenger, Ann Marie Dose,
 Absent: Lea Sexton, Dennis Makoutz (family emergency), Meg Sprick
 Guest: Becca Weist, Amazing Parish Team

Opening Prayer	Jerry Pfeilsticker opened with a prayer
Meeting roles Ongoing Chair: Marilyn (St. Mary's)	Chair: Marilyn Pfeilsticker Recorder: Maria Schultz Timekeeper: Jerry Pfeilsticker Observer: Ann Marie Dose
Agenda Approval Minutes Review	Approved Approved with correction: Change “St. Patrick Updates” to “Man of God Conference” update
Introductions/ Welcome New Member Reports • Amazing Parish Team (APT)	New St. Patrick's PC member Bill Diedrich, was introduced. It was noted that Amanda Durand, St. Mary's PC member, will no longer serve on the Council. Father will seek someone to replace her. Father Pete gave a summary of the Amazing Parish Team (APT) which includes members Deacon David and Ann Marie Dose, Julie and Dennis Makoutz, Paul Kluesner, Becca Weist, Rebecca Stolz, and Maria Schultz. The APT will attend the November Joint PC meeting and present goals for the next six months. We have to be careful not to do too much at once. This fall the focus is Catholicism (see attached schedule). The APT consists of seven traits: 1) The foundation is RELIANCE ON PRAYER; 2) A REAL LEADERSHIP TEAM AND 3) A CLEAR VISION PLAN. We want people to experience God, to teach how to pray, not just ‘say prayers.’ The BUILDING BLOCKS create the other four traits including 4) THE SUNDAY EXPERIENCE, which is more than Mass. It includes hospitality from the moment you arrive until you leave; 5) COMPELLING FORMATION; 6) SMALL GROUP DISCIPLESHIP; AND 7) MISSIONARY ZEAL. <i>What is the role of the Parish Council with the APT?</i> This is in the process of being defined. Both groups support the vision and there is cross-over. The suggestion was made that the APT and the PC become one council. The APT is more of a visionary team who determines the direction and comes up with ideas and communicates with the PC who would implement the ideas, but not necessarily do all the work. A suggestion was made that the Joint PC would meet four times a year (September, November, February, March) and the individual PC's would meet three times a year (October, January, April). The APT would give a report at every meeting.
• Strategic Planning Subcommittee	Strategic Planning Subcommittee had the final meeting on June 2. A summary of the plan will be posted to the website. It was noted that it would be good to keep the members active in other volunteer capacities in order to not lose the energy and momentum. Our parishes are better because of this team. Both parishes are growing.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catholicism 101 (“Being Catholic”) • Faith Formation Committee • Liturgy • Pastor’s Report • Paul Todd Concert Summary 	<p>Schedule of events was reviewed (see attached) and will be printed in the bulletin in a very eye-catching manner. The current event is the Teaching Mass (Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist). There is a powerful meaning underlying everything done at Mass. Suggestion: Have a survey card available at the end of each event. “What is something new that you learned that can be applied to your life? Another suggestion was made to record the event and post it to YouTube (for those who cannot attend). The Being Catholic Team will address these details.</p> <p>This is an advisory and support committee to the Faith Formation Directors of both parishes. Lea (SP) is looking for a creative way for this committee to meet that is simple and not a burden. The SM committee could help Becca in doing a family movie night. “McFarland USA” was suggested which is appropriate for ages 4th grade and older.</p> <p>Small changes are being made to the Sunday liturgy. Comments include from SM “glad to have a separation of the usher and greeter ministries; everyone likes the one-page ministry schedule (that SM adopted from SP). At SP there have been several new young families participating in ministry roles. The next Liturgy Committee meeting will include discussion of “The Sunday Experience.”</p> <p>Father reported that Fr. Jose (who comes to SM to do the monthly Spanish Mass) has been transferred to Owatonna and that Father Louis will replace him, effective in September. We are blessed to have this humble, young priest for our Hispanic community.</p> <p>The Paul Todd concert was well attended; comments include “it was interactive” “young people loved it; wished that more could have come” “People liked seeing our parish as a center to entertain and inspire; we can be a vision to other artists in the community.” After all expenses were paid, there was an income of about \$300 which will be used for events in the future.</p>
New Business:	NA
Old Business:	NA
Hispanic Community	See Pastor’s Report
Observer Comments	<p>There was good dialogue and humor. A good example of how the Pastoral Council can enhance other groups. There was helpful dialogue between APT and this Council. We’re doing a lot of events; the concert, Q&A on Catholicism etc.</p> <p>Comment from another member: The Fall Festival people appreciated having the Mass broadcasted in the Fellowship Hall for participation. There is a ripple effect when we invite others to participate; it makes a difference. Let’s make a concerted effort to make personal invites – just ask!</p>
Next Meetings:	<p>St. Patrick PC Only – Thursday, October 13 – Mass at 6:30 PM and Meeting at 7:00 PM</p> <p>St. Mary PC Only – Thursday, October 20 – Mass at 6:00 PM and Meeting at 6:30 PM</p> <p>Joint PC at St. Patrick: Thursday, November 10 — Mass at 6:30 PM and Meeting at 7:00 PM</p>
Person to Lead Prayer:	Marty Foster
Closing:	The meeting was closed with the Hail Mary for the Makoutz family.