

**MINUTES**  
**Churches of St. Patrick and St. Mary of the Lake - Joint Pastoral Council**  
**Site: St. Mary, Lake City**  
**Thursday, May 11, 2017**

**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, Maria Schultz, Dennis Makoutz, Marilyn Pfeilsticker, Bill Diedrich, Meg Sprick, Lea Sexton, Bob Wenger

Absent: Marty Foster, Deacon Dave, Ann Marie Dose and Jerry Pfeilsticker

Opening Prayer	Bob Wenger
Meeting roles	Chair: Marilyn Recorder: Maria Timekeeper: Bob Observer: Meg
Agenda Approval Minutes Review	Agenda Approved Minutes Approved
<b>Action Items Follow-up</b>	Father gave a summary of what Virtus is and its importance. He is working with Becca to do more training and to plan for an overall education of the importance of Virtus certification for the safety of all children.
<b>Councils and APT Families Picnic</b>	A family picnic will be held on Sunday, July 30 at 5:00 PM at St. Mary’s to say thank you to the Finance Councils, Parish Councils and Amazing Parish Team. Lucas Grieves and Bob Wenger will coordinate the details.
<b>Parish Council Members TERM and YEAR</b>	Membership on the Parish Council consists of two consecutive terms of three years each. Dennis Makoutz and Ann Marie Dose (SP) are completing their terms as of June 30, 2017. Father will appoint two new members from SP to replace them. A chart listing the other members and their terms and year was updated by those present at the meeting.
<b>Dinners with Father</b>	Dinners with Father continue at SP and one is planned at SM. Invitations to dinner will be extended to those who have lost their spouse and there will be follow-up with the newly married couples and those with young children.
<b>Small Groups</b>	Some of the small groups have concluded at SP and SM. Plans for additional groups for the fall are being discussed including “33 Days to Morning Glory” at SM. See “Fatima Jubilee Year” for details on another dvd series being offered at SP. The Man of God men’s group continues to meet on a monthly basis.
<b>Fatima Jubilee Year</b>	A summary was given of the events scheduled at SP in honor of Our Lady of Fatima during this Jubilee Year. It has been requested that silence be observed in order to pray the Rosary in the church 30 minutes before Mass. A dvd series entitled “Walking With Mary: A Biblical Journey” by Edward Sri will be presented following Mass on the Sundays closest to the 13 <sup>th</sup> of each month. The Sundays for these two events being held at SP are May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10 and October 15. There is also a Fatima Celebration event being held on Saturday, May 13 in Kasson, Minnesota. All are invited. SM Liturgy/Sunday Experience Committee may address additional events during this Jubilee Year of Fatima.

<p><b>Vocations</b></p>	<p>The Serra Club has invited our parishes to promote vocations. We will do this at our parishes by scheduling two holy hours at each parish: The first holy hour for vocations will be held at SM on Monday, June 5 from 7:00-8:00 PM. The remaining three holy hours will be scheduled to tie in with the Sunday Mass Intentions for vocations in order to create a greater emphasis on the need to pray for vocations to the priesthood.</p>
<p><b>Youth/Faith Formation</b></p>	<p>Father reported that a new Faith Formation Director, Kendra Walker, has been hired at St. Patrick's. SP has scheduled an event to recognize and thank all Faith Formation teachers for their service of teaching this past year. Much work has been done to engage young people in the Liturgy; will look to our newest council members for direction on how to continue.</p> <p>There was much discussion on how to keep the youth of post-confirmation age and college-age engaged in parish life, in particular in the Liturgy. How can we invite them to come back?</p> <p><u>Action Item</u>: Compile a list of the ideas/suggestions made at this meeting and continue discussion at future meetings.</p> <p>The list consists of: Host a sleepover similar to what is done at United Methodist Church; Mission Trips similar to First Lutheran Church; Fall clean up day for youth – organize with First Lutheran Church; Bible Study; movie night; Storm Camp (Lutheran Church).</p>
<p><b>Reports</b> Amazing Parish Team (APT)</p>	<p>The focus this fall is on the family. A Fun Family Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 6, 2017 at the Joan and Bill Cronin farm. The Amazing Parish Team will set the framework and another committee is being formed to carry out the planning and details for this event.</p> <p>Another way we are looking to involve families is to expand our current fall activities by adding family-focused events at the SM Fall Festival and SP Barbeque and Fall Dance. Maybe add more games and ask the fundraising committee to help.</p>
<p>St. Patrick's Updates</p>	<p>With the money from the technology grant, SP purchased a new camera and are recording Father's homilies and posting them on the SP Facebook page.</p>
<p>Observer Comments</p>	<p>There was good discussion and a sharing of ideas with new perspectives. We need to follow-up on ideas for youth. At the next meeting, we will discuss something specific and do one thing.</p>
<p>Next Meetings:</p>	<p>St. Mary's: Thursday, October 12, Mass at 6:00 PM, meeting at 6:30 PM; Prayer - Bob</p> <p>St. Patrick's: Wednesday, October 11 - Mass at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7:00 PM; Leader – Bill; Prayer - Lea</p> <p>JOINT Meeting: Thursday, September 14 at St. Patrick's; Mass at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7:00 PM; Leader – Bill; Prayer - Morgan Pavelka</p>
<p>Closing:</p>	<p>Bob Wenger provided copies of the closing prayer that was prayed together.</p>