

**Minutes:**  
**Christ Our Redeemer (COR) Pastoral Council (PC) Meeting**  
**Sunday, March 1, 2020**

1. PC meeting started at 11:58 with 1 excused absences (see attached)
2. **Opening Prayer:** Father Bob led the council in prayer.
3. **Approval of Rev 2 Minutes from February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**
  - a. Richard Mountain made a motion to approve the emailed minutes.
  - b. Seconded by Patti Wolfrom and approved.
4. **Opening Remarks**
  - a. Fr. Bob opened by reviewing the upcoming events:
    - The Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA) started in February with our \$90K goal
    - There was good participation in the first Friday Lenten Soup night and Stations of the Cross services on 2/28. Fr. thanked the PC for providing the abundance of food.
    - 3/4 Bishop Bill will lead priests on mission, hear confessions and hold a business meeting.
    - 3/9 COR Lenten Reconciliation Service begins at 6:30 PM.
    - 3/11 Bishop Bill will visit and deliver a message to fill us with grace during Lent.
    - 3/17 the Parish Office will be closed as the facility will be used for voting.
    - 3/19 St. Mary's Church will hold their Lenten Reconciliation Service.
    - 3/30 St. Mary's School will hold a Lenten Reconciliation Service.
    - 3/30 Holy Name of Jesus will hold their Lenten Reconciliation Service.
5. **Unfinished Business:**
  - a. Donuts Ministry. See attached report. Additionally, there was discussion about soliciting for a Donut Ministry Lead. Some suggestions were to place a sign on the bulletin board where donuts are served and to place a request in the weekly bulletin. Jim Thennes volunteered to discuss this need at the Knights of Columbus meeting this week. Luz was asked to report back next month.
  - b. Jim will provide a report on the Outreach Ministry in April. He commented he joined Fr. Bob and Sharon Hargreaves for their Ash Wednesday visitation to American House and other local care facilities as well as the home-bound. Jim said this wonderful ministry clearly is well appreciated by all participants - the Spirit is alive here. Barbara Swanson shared feedback from one person served by the ministry who said everyone appreciates and "just loves" Fr. Bob. The Parish Council gave Fr. Bob a round of applause.
  - c. Karen Booth gave her report on the Kitchen Committee - see attached. Kathy Vanderburg asked Karen to consider continuing reporting to PC on this effort.
  - d. Fr. Bob reported the diocese has three all day sessions (see Risk Management Meetings Announcement attachment) in which security and other topics will be addressed.
  - e. Barbara read the report (attached) provided by Sharon Dooley (traveling) about the Easter basket ministry. Sharon provided cards for each PC minister recapping the need for 250 Easter baskets.
6. **New Business:**
  - a. Rich summarized the attached report on the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC), Lectors, Sacristans, and Altar Servers. The next altar server training is May 16th.
  - b. Karen spoke about the beauty of the Lenten desert display, with the purple cloth and addition of the oils. Ken Rodriguez said that he asked his religious education students what symbolism the scene presented. They had a robust discussion including seeing the smooth stones as the bread the devil tempted Jesus with. Karen commented hand sanitizers are available in the church for use. Sarah Dietrich, Music Ministry, is implementing a change to the all-day

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Adoration. She will pre-position carpets so parishioners who wish to be closer to the Eucharist, may kneel or sit on the carpets. Karen will provide the business portion of these ministries next month.

- c. Ken asked to briefly discuss the Parish Picnic because the committee members were told to wait until March to ask for their budget. They need \$2K budgeted and the following three items: 1) Two blowers - \$185; 2) Keg tub - \$38; 3) Snow cone syrup replenished (link provided to MaryBeth). He asked also for an October date to be set for the event. MaryJane raised a concern that very young children can possibly hurt themselves on the furnishings in the room. After some discussion the possibility of a height requirement to screen out older youth and consideration for improving room safety resulted. Richard volunteered to draft rules for the room's use.
- d. Finance Council (Suzie Culkin)
  - i. Financial condition is very good. Offerings continue to be strongly supported, 6% over projection. Funds above expenses (net income) is \$28K. These monies are being sent for deposit into savings for payments of upcoming expenses.
  - ii. The Engage, Re-Engage and Commit to Our Future Campaign (EReC) pledges are at a plateau. Given the CSA fund drive, this is not unexpected. Currently some \$350K has been paid against pledges and received from second collections.
  - iii. Ken asked if fund raising ideas could be requested from diocese resource, Mr. John Kennedy. Discussion resulted in abiding time until after CSA to readdress.

7. **Closing Thought** was given by Kathy after thanking the PC for all their efforts and support: “Let’s always meet each other with a smile, for a smile is the beginning of love” – Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

8. **Closing Prayer:** Fr Bob led us in prayer. The meeting closed at 12:48 PM.

**Next Pastoral Council Meeting April 5, 2020**