

Four Pillars in Faith ACC  
Council Meeting Minutes  
June 18, 2024 - 6:00 pm - St. Louis Bertrand Foreston

Attendance: Present and introductions: Father Timothy Gapinski; Amanda Peterson Administrative Assistant, St. Mary's Mora/St. Kathryn's Ogilvie; Kris Archibald Administrative Assistant, St. Mary's Milaca; Katie Kerr ACC Chair St. Mary's, Mora; Rose Voss, St. Kathryn's; Karen Renaud, Trustee St. Mary's Mora; Jared Barse, St. Mary's Milaca; Brenda Lundberg, St. Kathryn's Ogilvie; Curt Wojciechowski, ACC Vice Chair, St. Louis Bertrand; Jackie Leveille, ACC Pastoral Council Secretary/St. Mary's Milaca Trustee; Amy Udermann, Parish Associate St. Louis Bertrand Foreston. Nancy Frerich, Trustee St. Louis Bertrand Foreston. Absent: Rose Ryan Trustee St. Kathryn's.

Opening Prayer- Father Timothy

1. Minutes from April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting - motion made to approve by Karen Renaud and seconded by Jared Barse.
2. Agenda approved - Father made a motion to approve and Katie seconded.
3. Old Business
  - a. Plan for addressing survey results.

We talked about the themes identified in the survey and how we will present them to the parishioners. It was decided to create posters with the themes and place them in the entries of the four churches. On the poster, it will ask parishioners the best way for us to inform them of these topics. We would also like to know the order in which the parishioners would like the topics addressed. After discussion, it was decided to create a survey to get the parishioners' feedback. Father could talk about the survey items at Mass. It is important that the parishioners know that we are still looking at the surveys. Katie will put together the survey and it will run 3 weekends. The survey will be available in paper form, on the website, and through a QR code. Katie will have the survey to Amy by 1:00 pm on Wednesday.

- b. Recap of the Eucharistic Procession through Mora: Father reported all went very well and we had a fair number of visitors and pilgrims that were following the procession. Thankful for all the volunteers and the prayer stations were well-spaced and nice. The church was overflowing, and some people didn't come into the church due to space. The event ended a little earlier than expected. Buses took people back to the ballfield. It went very well.

4. New Business

- a. Discernment Retreat - Jared Barse: Of the youth that attended, half of the kids were outside of our ACC. It was organized by just a few people. Is it something that should be organized by the whole ACC instead of one parish? It was a big undertaking. Worried about overusing volunteers. Cost was offset by the registration fee and donations including those from Knights of Columbus Councils from all over the diocese. (Kris provided an update on the number of students that attended and that there were 81 volunteers including family members of retreatants from outside of our ACC.) It's a good opportunity for our youth and would like to do it again next year.

b. Parish updates:

i. St. Louis Bertrand - Nancy

- Social Fellowship Committee: The socials have been going great and are in a 7-week rotation for the social committee. Recently Ed Bauer was honored at one of our socials, Father Dan this past weekend, and prior to that, the First Communicants, and this went great! A beautiful time to partake together and to get to know one another. All guests and parishioners are welcome to attend!
- Grounds/Beautification Committee: Our committee met recently and is continuing to complete projects, and we are soon taking care of the cobblestone in front of the parish center and the south side of the church. In addition, we have repaired the entry that accesses the rectory, and we have a couple of other projects we would like to complete this year.
- St. Louis Christian Women: The 50th Annual Mission Bazaar is currently being planned. The date set is Saturday, November 23, 2024, at the St. Louis Bertrand Parish Center. More to come on this and other events as the next Christian Women's meeting will be in August 2024.
- Knights of Columbus meetings as scheduled, parade season, no other update.
- St. Anne's Chapel: All windows and the door are complete. In July, there will be a blessing by Father Derek Wiechmann and a reception following. All will be welcome to attend!

ii. St. Mary's, Milaca - Kris

- A Breakfast Social to celebrate Nathaniel Daubner's ordination as a transitional deacon was held on Sunday, June 9 and it went well. About 120 people stayed for the celebration.
- The Discernment Retreat was held at St. Mary's, Milaca June 11-13. The retreat was open to youth in grades 7 and up. On the last day, 4-6th graders were invited to join for the afternoon. 62 youth in grades 7th and up attended the three-day. Young men camped in tents on the church grounds and the young ladies camped in the classrooms. 20 youth in 4-6th grades attended Thursday afternoon. Retreatants were from the following communities: Milaca, Foreston, Ogilvie, Mora, Braham, Isanti, Waite Park, North Branch, Oak Grove, St. Augusta, Foley, Forest Lake, Rice, Coon Rapids, Brennyville, Ham Lake, Minneapolis, Gilman, St. Cloud, and Hancock. 22 Speakers (some gave more than one presentation/testimony) presented on how we discern God's Will in our lives. The speakers were comprised of priests, 2 different orders of Brothers, 2 orders of religious Sisters, married couples, and single women. We had many positive comments from the youth in their evaluations. When asked what they liked the most about the retreat, a large number of youth said they liked Adoration and the speakers. 81 people volunteered their time and/or donated items for the retreat. They were members of our Four Pillars in Faith ACC and/or family members of the retreatants including those who are not members of our ACC.
- Totus Tuus is scheduled for July 21-26.
- St. Mary's, Guild is hosting a Salad Luncheon on Wednesday, June 26 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Adults: \$8.00, Children 6-12: \$5.00; 4 and Under: Free.
- Parish Picnic – looking ahead at dates for the upcoming St. Mary's/St. Louis Bertrand Annual Parish Picnic.

- iii. St. Mary's Mora: - Amanda
    - April: We had the Eucharistic Procession go through Mora. Lee Ann King and a committee of parishioners had planned and organized a meal and then the procession through Mora. It was very well attended.
    - There was an event planning committee that started at St. Mary's, Mora to help keep future events and activities a little more organized.
    - May: We hosted the Confirmation Mass and a small meal after for the priests and teachers. Cory had the garage sale at the parish center to raise money for the Steubenville trip and additional youth group events or needs.
    - The roof replacement has been completed.
    - June: The BBQ and Pool Party last Friday was a big hit. 129 people stayed to swim. A few had been at the BBQ but did not stay to swim.
    - Totus Tuus from July 7th - 12th at St. Mary's, Mora.
    - Sign-up has begun for FF in the Fall.
    - Tara is leading a group of students to Steubenville in St. Paul in July. She is going to plan a ditch clean-up day when the weather is better.
    - The Bible Study group would like to continue meeting over the summer once this book has finished.
  - iv. St. Kathryn's – Amanda
    - Sunday, May 19: Hosted the Baccalaureate Mass and Banquet afterward. Many people showed up on Saturday night and not very many people showed up for Mass on Sunday. Changing Mass times is hard. There is always someone who does not get the message. The banquet was very well attended and turned out very nice. There were no graduates from St. Kathryn's this year that were able to attend. Already have a date for next year.
    - Held annual Plant Sale.
    - June: Held an Ice Cream Social after Mass one Saturday.
    - Looking ahead, Corn on the Curb is generally late August.
    - When the current contract is up for the missalette, they might be switching to Breaking Bread.
5. Other Discussion topics:
- a. Term of officers July 1<sup>st</sup> through July 30<sup>th</sup>. Members turn over 1/3 each year, for the next meeting.
  - b. Breaking Bread Books will be ordered for all parishes.
  - c. Music Ministry celebration for all volunteers.

Closing in prayer at 7 pm by Father Timothy.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 20, at 6 pm at St. Mary's Mora