

Four Pillars in Faith ACC

Council Meeting Minutes

October 29, 2024 - 6:00 pm - St. Kathryn's, Ogilvie

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; Jared Barse, ACC Chair, St. Mary's Milaca; Brenda Lundberg, St. Kathryn's Ogilvie; St. Louis Bertrand; Jackie Leveille, ACC Pastoral Council Secretary/St. Mary, Milaca Trustee; Amy Udermann, Parish Associate St. Louis Bertrand Foreston, Rose Ryan Trustee St. Kathryn's; Curt Wojciechowski, ACC Vice Chair

Absent: Nancy Frerich, Trustee St. Louis Bertrand Foreston; Katie Kerr, St. Mary's, Mora; Rose Voss, St. Kathryn's; Karen Renaud, Trustee St. Mary's Mora

Opening Prayer- Father Timothy

1. Minutes from August 20, 2024, meeting - motion made to approve by Amanda,
2. Agenda approved Curt made a motion to approve and Amy seconded.
3. Old Business

A. Communication Sub-committee meeting Amy Udermann

i. Results- From 10 names and 4 showed up and received emails: communication sub-committee met. Transparency and communication: One comment: Major decision involving the lives of parishioners would be shared with parishioners. Encourage people to get involved in meetings. The subcommittee discussed several ideas for possible improvements on these themes.

ii. Action items based on discussion

Discussed : having review in the bulletin two times a year in the area that Father's message is presented each Sunday, on what the pastoral council is doing by the chair of the ACC. Stewardship, changes made in financial statements, bulletin ect.

Parish hall meeting to provide updates, Mass

Next topic: Looking at the next pieces of the survey: Youth: what's happening with and what topics do you want discussed. Programs?

Inserts in bulletin: comments on voting

4. New Business

Father summarized Arrowwood clergy conference meeting with partners edge to develop a pastoral plan for the diocese. The planning office director spoke briefly on the last day and information on statistics and why some things need to change and timelines as to when they would be sent out to parishes. Bishop made brief remarks, no decisions presented.

Advent Christmas schedules: Begins Dec 1st. Remembrance masses, days, dates and places.

Penance service having additional priest come for the service tentative Dec 17th Father will be available for other penance services.

Mass schedule discussed, falls on a Sunday but will be observed on Dec 8 Immaculate Conception will be on Monday Dec 9th will be a Holy Day of Obligation.

Dec 28 dedication of the anniversary of St. Kathyn's parish

Jan 1 Holy day of obligation

Father requested feedback as to best times for Mass for the parishioners for masses on Holy Day of Obligation.

Christmas program second Sunday of Advent

A. Parish sub-committee updates

i. St. Louis Bertrand- Amy

The Christian Women are preparing for the 50th Annual Mission Bazaar on November 23.

Parking lot crack sealing is complete.

The gas leak at the church was fixed, labor and materials donated by a parishioner.

ii. St. Mary's, Milaca-Kris

St. Mary's, Guild – Fall Garage Sale went well adding a third day. (Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.)

All Saints' Party will be held this Thursday from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. There will be games, prizes, candy, and pizza for all. Heggie's Pizza of Milaca donated 40 pizzas for this event. Other donors are St. Raphael Chiropractic Center, Teal's Market, and Wal-Mart.

St. Mary's/St. Louis Bertrand Lifelong Faith Formation – Jeff Duresky will be our guest speaker next Wednesday, November 6. He will speak on *The Holy Eucharist: The Key to Living a Virtuous Life*. We continue to encourage adults to attend Wednesday night classes. In addition to the teachers, there are about 10 adults attending.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) at St. Mary's, Milaca – In the program: 7 non-Catholic adults; Two Non-Catholic 7th graders; 4 adult Catholics wanting to learn more about the faith; and one more non-Catholic adult starting at the end of November. Jeff Duresky, who has an M.A. in Theology and is a Theology teacher at St. Agnes Catholic School in St. Paul, is the facilitator for our OCIA program.

Box of Joy Program – We have collected 42 boxes between St. Mary's, Milaca and St. Louis Bertrand. Our goal as an ACC was 60 boxes.

Home Altar Showcase – To date we have 9 photo submissions of Home Altars. They are on display in our parish hall.

St. Louis Bertrand/St. Mary's, Milaca Knights of Columbus hosted a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser this past Sunday at St. Mary's, Milaca. They were happy with the turnout. The proceeds benefited the Crosiers.

Remembrance Mass for St. Louis Bertrand and St. Mary's, Milaca will be held at St. Mary's, Milaca on Thursday, November 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Fr. Hennepin Club Coat Drive at St. Mary's, Milaca will be held during the month of November. All coats will be donated to the Community Closet for those in need.

iii. St. Kathryn's- Rose- The Pork Dinner was a success, although there were less people there was more income. Our Country store did wonderfully and exceeded their goal. Our Craft, bake and soup luncheon on the 22nd of November from 7 to 330, soup served from 11 until it is gone. Advent Social on December 1st , many family crafts and socializing.

iv. St. Mary's, Mora-Amanda

Music- We have purchased a new keyboard because the other one was worn out. The Choir is growing.

Family Faith Formation has started classes for all grades now. There seems to have been a good turnout for the first class. Confirmation classes are on Wednesday this year.

There is a weekly Bible study group meeting on Tuesday afternoon.

Turkey Bingo is scheduled for November 3rd at 11:30am in the Parish Center. All ages are welcome to attend if a parent is present with their child.

Advent Wreath making is going to be Sunday, December 1st. Families can make a wreath and/ or ornaments and take them home. There is a fee of \$30.00 to cover the cost of supplies.

St. Mary's- St. Kathryn Guild is collecting hats, mittens and scarves for the students of the Red Lake area again this fall.

St. Mary's & St. Kathryn's Knights of Columbus have been doing pancake breakfasts each month.

Highway clean up went well.

5. Set next meeting: January 14, 2025, Milaca at 6:00 pm

Closing Prayer; Father Timothy