

**Virtual Meeting with Zoom; Fr. Jim/meeting organizer**

**Pastoral Council Members Present**

Dennis Blake  
Adam Gecewich  
Rich Inman  
Daren Keenan

Cathy Marksteiner  
Chuck Michael  
Ellen Paxton – Chair  
John Prince

Kathie Grace Roberts  
Lisa Schafer  
Rose Wiedenmann

**Notable Others:**

Fr. Jim Riehle – Pastor  
Staff – Mary Ella Wielgos  
Evangelization and Catechesis Commission – Andrew Tebbe (did not attend)  
Outreach Commission – Shari Skorcz  
Parish Life and Stewardship Commission – Tony Ferraro (did not attend)  
Worship and Sacraments Commission – Yuki Lauber  
Finance Council – Keith Gehring  
Recording Secretary – Dena Moulton

- **Opening Prayer / Mission Statement** (PC is praying for Evangelization & Catechesis in January)
- **Formation** – “The Search” Episode 4 (Daren Keenan led this discussion)  
Episode 5, February, Dennis will lead discussion
- **Pastor’s Report** – (Fr. Jim)
  - ✓ Christmas Masses – Attendance, way under expectations; While a bit of a relief from an organizational standpoint, sadness that so many remain away from Mass; 2200 people attended Mass on Christmas in person. People who watched online for Christmas - 975 unique IP addresses
  - ✓ Decorations, music, volunteers, staff and their families, went above and beyond! Thank you to them!
  - ✓ Epiphany; additional chalk is available at church for the Epiphany blessing
  - ✓ Possibility of reopening campus in early February; decision yet to be confirmed
  - ✓ Pope Francis declared Dec 8, 2021 – Dec 8, 2022 to be the year of St. Joseph; many opportunities to learn more about St. Joseph; more to come from St. Max – see the bulletins.
  - ✓ Fr. Jim hopes to challenge parishioners to reengage with their faith, to go to a deeper level; Day of Mercy will kick this off on Thursday January 21<sup>st</sup> - confessions available all day 7am-9pm; Friday January 22<sup>nd</sup> is day of penance in our Church; Fr. Jim would like to encourage friends and family to have a Bible study; watch a study on FORMED and get together and discuss via zoom or phone
  - ✓ PC - Reach out and ask parishioners what’s keeping them away from Mass
- **Lightning Round / Committee Updates**
  - ❖ **Twining Liaison** (Dennis Blake)
    - January and February meetings (7:30p) will be held following Holy Hour 6-7p on 1/28/21 and 2/25/21 held by Father Simon Peter since Deacon John will not be available. January will be virtual due to St. Max current policy of no in person meetings thru January 2021.
    - Verify all 186 plus 7 replacement Oxen have been delivered.
    - Status of Holy Angels Science Lab construction needs and funding
    - Status additional 25 Pen Pal families St Max and pic of new Catechists
    - Review and discuss new year goals: church priorities, trips, pen pal, advent & lent

- Year end acknowledgements and thank you's
- Bible translation completion and delivery to all 186 Catechists
- ❖ **Together We Grow update** (Fr. Jim)
  - \$300,000-\$600,000 gap; Fr. hopes to obtain pledges from specific individuals and then request help from parishioners at large (He is reaching out to individuals at his time) Currently \$65,000-\$70,000 is available for a challenge; shell of building is \$1.9M; need ½ in cash and ½ in pledges; pledge part needs additional \$200,000-\$300,000
  - Could break ground in 2021
- ❖ **Adoration Sign-ups** (Kathie)
  - Clever email sent to PC members; several slots in January and February still available; Each PC member only needs to sign up for 1 hour per quarter
- ❖ **Listening Session follow up discussion** (Rich and Chuck)
  - They have not gotten together; need to schedule a time to connect; Need to get creative to find a way to connect with parishioner.
- ❖ **Discernment** (Rose and Lisa)
  - Received time line from Sarah for the discernment process
  - Materials from Betty from last year are in the office for Rose to pick up
  - Names and emails of leaders of each commission are due by Jan 24<sup>th</sup> to Rose
  - Nomination forms will be online.
  - No in person witnesses at Mass this year, but 3 people need to step forward to give a witness via a video - 150 words, First person needs to commit by Feb 17; video will be done on Feb 21; Lisa Schafer has stepped forward to be the first witness representing PC; Two additional people need to step forward from the other Councils and Commissions.
  - Discernment event (fair) – an opportunity for parishioners to learn about different councils and commissions; Dates selected: Saturday, April 24, 9:30-11:30am and Monday, April 26 from 7:00-9:00pm. Rose will give these dates and times to Sarah. Two plans will be needed: one for an in-person event, the other for virtual event.
  - We have 4 open spots to fill for PC
- ❖ **The Path Strategic Plan** – Initial discussion (Fr. Jim and Ellen)
  - Document created in 2012; Follow up in 2013, and then was disregarded
  - For February meeting, read The Path (can be found on the St. Max website)
  - Fr. Jim's suggested guidance to consider while moving forward, planning and making decisions
    - ✓ Why does Saint Max exist: The plain and simple reality is that we exist as a parish to help our parishioners get to heaven. To quote the old Baltimore Catechism: "God made me to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him for ever in Heaven." Every parish exists to help Catholics discover that truth
    - Every priest's vocation rests on helping those he serves come to know that truth
    - ✓ How do we do this?
      - Pray the Mass (Sacrifice, Beauty)
      - Know and Love God (Catechesis, Stewardship, Devotion)
      - Love and Serve each other (Works of Mercy, Fellowship, Matthew 25, Evangelize)
    - ✓ **Is what we are doing helping in this mission and building up this culture?**
    - ✓ If not, why are we doing it?

## ➤ Council/Commission Updates

### ▪ Finance Council – (Keith Gehring)

#### Financial Report Fiscal Year-To-Date as of November 30, 2020

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Favorable</u> <u>(Unfavorable)</u> <u>\$ Variance</u>	<u>Favorable</u> <u>(Unfavorable)</u> <u>%</u>
<b>Variance</b>				
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>\$901,847</u>	<u>\$755,615</u>	<u>\$146,232</u>	19.4
<b>Total Expenses:</b>				
General & Administrative	600,434	661,549	61,115	9.2
Ministry & Liturgy	18,499	26,935	8,437	31.3
Religious Formation	21,289	50,423	29,135	57.8
Outreach	3,457	8,396	4,939	58.8
Facilities	107,929	119,634	11,705	9.8
Fundraising	19,998	1,250	(18,748)	(1,500)
Capital	1,611	2,729	1,119	41.0
<b>Total</b>	<u>773,215</u>	<u>870,917</u>	<u>97,701</u>	11.2
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>\$128,632</u>	<u>\$(115,302)</u>	<u>\$243,934</u>	

**Note:** Sunday Collections of \$709,409 are over budget by \$71,461. 55% from Faith Direct. Reduced Budgets for 6 mos. The Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget reflects Revenue in excess of Expenses in the amount of \$22K. Income Budget of \$2.180M and Expense Budget of \$2.158M.

#### **Finance Council Areas of Focus and Reporting for FY 2021**

- Monitor and report ongoing results of *Together We Grow* campaign.
  - We currently have \$785,417 in available funds for the project. \$780,552 is invested in an AOC note currently earning 1.6% interest. The remaining \$4,865 is invested in accounts at PNC Bank to be used for immediate needs. \$950K total earmarked (St. Max + Archdiocese accts).
    - Pledges total \$3,454,252; \$2,781,150 (81%) collected as of 10-31-2020.
    - The Schematic Design phase of the project is completed. Next step is design development and construction documents.
- Funding for the church roof replacement.
  - The roof was inspected in September 2018 by a roofing contractor and determined to have an estimated life expectancy of approximately three years.
  - The estimated cost to replace the roof is \$815,000 using three dimensional asphalt shingles or \$915,000 using stamping seam metal.
  - Bid received in February 2020 had a quote of \$1,005,550.
  - As of November 30, \$142,053 has been collected for the roof replacement. \$135,836 is invested in an AOC note currently earning 1.6% interest. The remaining \$6,217 is invested in a PNC account.
  - Added progress info to each bulletin.
  - **Raise the Roof Raffle** is in progress!!!
- Balance of the Contingency Fund as of November 30 is \$111,800.
- Giving Tuesday: \$15,172 raised, against \$10k budgeted.

- **Worship and Sacraments Commission**– (Yuki Lauber)
  - No report this month
- **Outreach Commission** – (Shari Skorcz)
  - No report this month
- **Parish Life and Stewardship Commission** – (Tony Ferraro)
  - Several new ideas being discussed:
    - Give a God Nudge: idea is to put a note in the bulletin to remind people to reach out to one another – note, email, letter, call, etc.
    - Invite Fr. Jim to give a monthly talk
    - Blind lunch date: connect two families together (opt in) that otherwise wouldn't talk to each other due to the pandemic. Tie it to the Road to Emmaus – connect families over Lenten Fridays. Gerri and Michael to connect with Nancy E. in the Welcoming committee. Or, consider flipping reality events to virtual events.
- **Evangelization and Catechesis Commission** – (Andrew Tebbe)
  - No report this month

➤ **Closing Prayer**