

Come To The Water ACC Pastoral Council Meeting
Held at Saint Nicholas Church, Belle River
February 15, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.

Present: Father Matthew Kuhn, Father Dave Petron, Todd Wentworth, Sean Gay, Margaret Zidon, Darcie Boogaard, Bob Kulzer, Tonya Marthaler, Jerry Kostreba, Rita Winters, Janet Schiltgen, Jodi Rehovsky, Randy Kinney, Francie Peterson, and Carol Gaffaney. Absent: Gary Haavig and Mary Gorghuber.

The meeting opened with prayer.

Pastors' Perspective

- Father Dave opened discussion on developing a joint ACC weekly bulletin. He asked for more direction on what should be included in the bulletin and had members complete a short survey to help determine what people want to see in the bulletin.
- Father Matthew said the current plan is to have two priests for this ACC after Father Dave retires in June.

Todd Wentworth's News

- Todd said Saint Mary's is continuing to work on a remodeling project in the school kitchen. He reported that Kindergarten Round-up went very well. There were 45 registrations. However, they have capped the kindergarten class size at 20 per class; therefore, with two classes of kindergarten, there are already 5 people on the waiting list. Kindergarten through grade 3 classes are full for the next school year. He noted that they are looking at the possibility of offering classes for preschool and grades 7 & 8 at Saint Mary's School and also finding a house or location for a rectory that would be located midway between the ACC parishes.
- A Lenten Mission with Vallimar Jansen is planned for March 27-29, 6:30-8:00 p.m. each night at St. Mary's Church. No reservations required.

Committee Reports

- The minutes of many of the committees were emailed to pastoral council members last week. Todd reminded members that minutes of any of the parishes' committees can be sent to Janell Eddy at St. Mary's Church and they will be forwarded to all ACC pastoral council members before the next meeting. [Janell's email: jeddy@stmaryalexandria.org]
- Jodi said the Parish Life Committee is looking for more members. They are planning a lot of activities in March.
- The Bishop has made the decision to cancel the mask mandate in the diocese as of this Saturday, February 19th.
- Father Matthew gave an update on Hope Haven, a project developed by United Way and West Central Communities Action in conjunction with area churches to provide overnight housing for homeless adults. Saint Mary's Church will provide housing from March 7-21 in the parish office. They are recruiting volunteers to help with this effort.

Mission Statement

Discussion continued on developing a mission statement for the Come To The Water Area Catholic Community. After discussion, the following statement was accepted:

- To build God's Church across generations by living the Eucharist.

Synod Sessions

- Saint Mary's Church will hold a synod listening session the evening of Monday, March 21st. Father Dave will get in touch with Brenda Kresky to schedule a session at Osakis.

Plans and Objectives

- At the next meeting, the ACC pastoral council will start working on updating its strategic plan, goals and objectives.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 15, 6:30 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Church in Osakis.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. with a closing prayer.

Carol Gaffaney
Recording Secretary