

**Come To The Water ACC Pastoral Council Meeting  
Held at Church of the Immaculate Conception, Osakis  
March 15, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.**

Present: Father Matthew Kuhn, Father Dave Petron, Todd Wentworth, Gary Haavig, Darcie Boogaard, Bob Kulzer, Tonya Marthaler, Jerry Kostreba, Rita Winters, Janet Schiltgen, Jodi Rehovsky, Randy Kinney and Carol Gaffaney. Guest: Kristi Bivens.

Absent: Sean Gay, Margaret Zidon, Mary Gorghuber and Francie Peterson.

The meeting opened with prayer.

**Pastors' Perspective**

- Earlier today, Father Dave shared via email a summary of the survey done last month on what a bulletin should look like and what should be included in it. He noted that Molly is reviewing that information and getting ideas for the joint bulletin. There was discussion on a Ministry Pro software program that could be used for scheduling of ministry volunteers; the volunteer would get a weekly text reminder and then get another text the day before their assignment.
- Father Matthew asked for discussion on where to locate the pastor's office space; how to handle the assignment of priests for weekend masses; how often to rotate assignments (weekly, monthly, etc.). Father Matthew said there will not be any changes in the current mass times at Belle River, Osakis or Alexandria.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting**

- Randy noted that we need to add to the February meeting minutes that St. Mary's School is exploring the idea of adding preschool classes, as well as adding 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes.

**Todd Wentworth's News**

- Todd talked about attending Monsignor McCread's Stewardship Conference in Wichita, Kansas last summer. He encouraged pastoral council members to consider attending. The conference is more like a retreat; it focuses on hospitality, formation, prayer and service. The next conference will be held August 10-11, 2022 in Wichita. He noted that often people from neighboring parishes attend and that car pools could be set up to go as a group.
- Todd said after some design work with architects, they have found that a remodeling project in the school kitchen is rather complex and expensive. With the renewed interest in expanding the school to include preschool and grades 7 and 8, it has been decided to find temporary solutions for the food service needs and then work on a master campus plan. A school expansion subcommittee will be touring other Catholic schools this spring.
- General Administrative Report – Todd has started the annual planning process.
- A Lenten Mission with VallLimar Jansen is planned for March 27-29, 6:30-8:00 p.m. each evening at St. Mary's Church. No reservations are required. Todd noted that some assistance is needed in that VallLimar does not drive, so he handed out a schedule of her visit that indicated where volunteers are needed to pick VallLimar up from the airport & hotel, and to bring her back to the hotel & airport. Contact Todd if you're interested in assisting.

**Synod Input**

- There are three ways that parishioners can provide input and their thoughts on the Synod preparations.

- Group Synod Consultations. Listening sessions are scheduled as follows:
  - Immaculate Conception Church, Osakis – Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m.
  - Saint Mary’s Church, Alexandria – Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 p.m.
- One on One Listeners
- Diocese Website – The website has a link to a self-guided way to share thoughts.

#### Goals and Objectives

- The current Strategic Plan for the Come to the Water Catholic Community was distributed. Todd asked that pastoral council members review the goals and objectives and determine if they are still goals that we want to work on and to achieve. It's a living document that we need to continue working on and updating/revising when needed. Discussion of the goals and objectives will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Father Matthew asked members to think of one new objective to add.

#### Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 19, 6:30 p.m. in St. Mary’s Church Great Hall, Alexandria.**

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

Carol Gaffaney  
Recording Secretary