

**Saint Joseph the Workman Cathedral
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
June 8, 2022
Minutes**

Msgr. Gilles opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. with a prayer.

Attendance was noted with Msgr. Gilles, Mari Erickson, Betty Tauscher, Sandy Perpich, Chuck Whalen, Luke Zoroufy, Olivia Knapik, Mike Knapik, Nancy Rose, Nick Harding, Lauren Harding, and Lynne Ostervich present.

Tammy Becker, Deb Klug, Carol Ballas, Joseph Nduka, Jim Savoldelli, and Pat Weinberger were absent.

Deacon Tom Skemp and Deacon Joe Richards were excused.

Msgr. Gilles announced that Deacon Joe Richards will be stepping back from attending Pastoral Council Meetings.

The minutes from the April 6, 2022 meeting were not available at this time and will be addressed at the next meeting.

Old Business:

Use of the small display case in the Gathering Area (the cork board one)

The northern 2/3 of the case will be devoted to Pentecost and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. The southern 1/3 of the case will be used for a New Parishioners/Here's What's Going On Corner. Mary Sperle, Deb Klug, and Mari Erickson will be working on this. Pictures of new parishioners will be in the display case as a welcome to the parish.

Updating Parish Census Information

The update is complete. Mari Erickson and Joyce Felsheim contacted people who had not updated their information. When Msgr. Gilles arrived at Cathedral the membership was 425 families. Now with the update the number is smaller and more accurate as far as active members of the parish. Msgr. is also continuing to reach out to parishioners with his birthday phone calls.

Celebration of the Restoration Completion

The celebration will take place on Sunday, September 11. We will have light pole signage with a banner in the parking lot saying "Beacon of Light and Hope Celebration". Team Renewal has taken charge of the overall planning.

Msgr. Gilles and Team Renewal have identified six areas of concern. People are needed to chair these areas:

1. Liturgical - Chaired by Luke Zoroufy
2. Reception and Food - Chaired by Betty Hayden-Tauscher. Nick Harding will also assist in this area along with the Young Adult Group. A brat and burger fry was proposed and also a few food trucks.
3. Public Relations - Chaired by Jack Felsheim. This committee will continue for Parish Life in general even after the Beacon of Light and Hope Event is completed.
4. Hospitality - Chaired by Haley McMullen and Tammy Weinberger.
5. Events - Chaired by Paul Jacobs. Such as Euchre, Tours of the Cathedral, Trivia, Raffles.
6. Set Up and Take Down - Chaired by Charlie Peters.

The location of the celebration will be in the parking lot. A large tent will be raised. This date is the 62nd anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone in the Cathedral. It was suggested that we place the focus on St. Joseph the Workman under this particular title for this event. We could tie in the work that has been done at the Cathedral stressing St. Joseph the Workman. Prayer cards for St. Joseph the Workman were also suggested. September 11 is only 3 months away.

Synod on Synodality

Deacon Skemp was disappointed in the response to the survey. There were between 23 - 28 respondents. It was suggested that maybe access to a computer on the church property could have helped.

Position of the Pastoral Mission Associate

Msgr. Gilles gave an update on his search. The position is about integration of the people into the body of the Church through the sacramental life. Several people were interviewed but no one was hired. Msgr. will revisit this project at a later date.

The Mass offered *Ad Orientem Ad Experimentum*

The ballots turned in from the congregation showed 92.6% of parishioners are in favor of celebrating Mass Ad Orientem. Msgr. will celebrate the Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Mass Ad Orientem on the 3rd Sunday of the month. This will begin on Sunday, September 18. The response from those who attend the 10:30 a.m. Mass was very positive. Msgr. will ease into this with one Mass/one Sunday per month.

New Business:

Rebuilding the Four Pastoral Council Standing Committees

Msgr. Gilles thanked Carol Richards for her work in organizing who is willing to do what for our parish.

Family Life - The co-chairs of Family Life are Mari Erickson, Olivia Knapik, and Lauren Harding. Mari Erickson reported that this committee looks encouraging. They are going to explore what more can be done and try to expand the committee to having more

members. Marriage Prep has been a good program and maybe a marriage enrichment program could also be pursued. Perhaps a dinner/evening of enrichment at the rectory? Widows and widowers is an area that needs outreach. The Young Adult program is doing very well.

Sacred Worship - This committee is set to go.

Education - Sandy Perpich is the chairman. This committee focuses on the educational aspect of the pastoral mission of the parish. A group of women from St. Cloud recently visited La Crosse and took a tour of Cathedral. Many activities in this area are self sustained. The cooking club and book club came out of the education committee as well as tour guides. Currently, Jean McDonnell, Sandy Perpich and Richard Lepsch are volunteering as guides. Also, the parishes in the La Crosse area are collaborating on a daily Mass schedule.

Social Concerns - This area needs a committee chairman.

Natural Family Promotion

New parishioner, Ruby Gravrok, will give a presentation on July 24 at noon.

Security Concerns

When the work on Cathedral is completed the 6th Street doors will remain locked for entrance into the Church. If need be, these doors can be used as an exit. More or less, Msgr. Gilles will greet people at the Main Street entrance prior to Mass. After Mass, Msgr. will greet people at the west side gathering area.

Sign of Peace at Mass

Should the sign of peace be given among the people at Mass? The worship committee decided now is not the time. Luke Zoroufy is in favor of the sign of peace and explained that the sign of peace comes from Jesus to the Priest to the people as a gift that should be shared. No decision was made.

Finance Council Report

Msgr. Gilles reported that the Finance Council discussed some building and grounds issues, and submitted the fiscal year end report. They are working on standard operating procedures for the Administrative Assistant, Director of Maintenance, and Music Director.

Our next meeting will be August 10, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was closed by Msgr. Gilles with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Ostervich