

**Saint Joseph the Workman Cathedral
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
December 14, 2022
Minutes**

The meeting was opened at 5:30 p.m. by Luke Zoroufy with Mike Knapik leading us in prayer.

Attendance was noted with Luke Zoroufy, Kevin Decker, Chuck Whalen, Olivia Knapik, Mike Knapik, Nick Harding, Lauren Harding, Tammy Becker, Mari Erickson, Sandy Perpich, Carol Ballas, Joseph Nduka, Betty Tauscher, Nancy Rose, Deacon Tom Skemp and Lynne Ostervich present. Msgr. Gilles had a conflict and arrived later.

Jim Savoldelli and Pat Weinberger were absent.

It was noted that Carol Ballas was indeed excused from the October 12, 2022 Meeting. The minutes from the October 12, 2022 meeting were approved.

Old Business:

Inspired by the Spirit Capital Campaign: Proposed Parish Case Statement

Msgr. is getting a team together to work within Cathedral. They are now working on which projects should be designated to receive the money raised. \$209,000 has been earmarked for an outdoor building, a renovated rectory garage with outdoor plug ins to aid in outside events, and an entrance with handicap accessibility from the garage to the rectory. Staff will be using this entrance which will avoid having to enter thru the rectory kitchen. There is an additional \$100,000 that is not assigned. This could possibly be spent on renovating the undercroft kitchen. A safe, healthy, and holy living environment for the priests assigned to Cathedral is the goal.

Security/Safety concerns

We need a safe and secure place for parishioners and also need to take care of and serve the poorest of poor who just want to be warm. We need to keep our eyes open but still welcoming. We can't solve the problem of homelessness but can deal with individual people in a kind manner. Police will be called if it is appropriate. It was suggested to compile information on resources available and have this in the gathering area so it can be used when appropriate. For now, the northside doors are locked 5 minutes after Mass begins. The Gathering Space doors remain open.

Sign of Peace at Mass

Msgr. Gilles will have catechesis on the meaning of the Sign of Peace and we will begin using it again in the spring. Norms will be set. There does not need to be physical contact to take part in the Sign of Peace.

New Business:

Fruitfulness of Mass Transit's Two Videos; How to Use Them Well

The videos are on our website so people can click and watch. Discussion was held on additional uses of the videos. Possibly one to three minute excerpts could be used on facebook or youtube for marketing with a link to the full video. With the help of a social media team we should be able to build up a social media presence. Msgr. will speak to Jack Felsheim about creating a group to help with social media. Also, Msgr. Gilles will speak to Zach Tudahl about back up help on our current website.

Building a Team of Scrip Sellers

Msgr. has five additional volunteers to sell Scrip after the weekend Masses. This will be very helpful so one person is not carrying the responsibility every weekend. It was also noted that at some parishes scrip is sold at events that are open to the public. This way they are selling to non-parish members as well.

Anointing of Sick Mass

This Mass will be for the severely health compromised individuals. During Lent there is a votive Mass that can be offered for the anointing of the sick. It is liturgically beautiful. Some parishes offer this monthly. In the past Cathedral did offer Anointing of the Sick. People could sign up ahead of time and several front pews would be blocked off with the individuals seated in every other pew. This way, the priest could come through using the empty pews and anoint each person without them having to leave the pew. We may possibly offer Anointing of the Sick three times per year with a healing Mass annually. Msgr. Gilles stressed the importance of this healing ministry for physical illness. Msgr. also stressed that the most powerful spiritual healing comes through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We also have a special Mass for All Souls Day, remembering loved ones who have passed away in the last year. Their names are recorded in a book on display and candles are lit for each of the deceased. All parishioners who passed away in the last year were also remembered with a display in the Gathering Space during the month of November.

Future of the Live Streamed Mass; Inviting People to Return

Discussion was held on whether it is still necessary to live stream our Masses. The Diocese provides a TV Mass every Sunday. Some people who are unable to get to Mass may prefer the live streamed Mass rather than the recorded TV Mass from the Diocese because it is actually happening as they watch. Maybe this could be approached as a Homebound Ministry concern.

Homebound Ministry (Jamie Dane)

We have a number of homebound elderly people in our parish that are not on the homebound roster. They need to be included in our Homebound Ministry. Jamie Dane is very interested in connecting with the homebound parishioners who are not on the homebound roster.

Other

Mike Knapik asked when we could possibly begin the reception of The Precious Blood at Mass. This will be contingent on the number of Extraordinary Ministers of The Holy Eucharist needed. It was suggested that a place other than the sacristy be used as a check in space for the Extraordinary Ministers to alleviate congestion in the Priest's Sacristy.

Msgr. Gilles requested that we move the Pastoral Council Meetings to Tuesdays. Wednesday has proven to have too many conflicting obligations for Msgr. Gilles. All members present approved this change.

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, February 21, 2023**

The meeting was closed at 7:00 p.m. by Msgr. Gilles with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Ostervich