

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2019

Mark Rosing offered a prayer to begin the meeting, and the March meeting minutes were approved. Then the council reviewed old business:

- **The Emmet Cahill concert** on April 24 was a success, raising roughly \$9,000, with \$4,000 coming back to the parish, minus \$300 in expenses to pay two hired musicians. The event drew people from Indianapolis, Lexington and Florida. Council members who attended heard a lot of positive feedback from people who were wowed by the music and the church itself.
- **Holy Thursday supper and liturgy** were well attended. There were favorable comments on Father Mike's invitation and welcome to new parishioners. The Good Friday liturgy also had a nice crowd.
- **The parish picnic** reservation has been confirmed for August 18, from 4-7 pm, on the grounds at St. Walburg. The new management requires a \$75 fee and a \$75 deposit, which is returned after the event is over. We have previously not had to pay a fee.
- **Rebuilt**—Father Mike will assign chapters for the council to read for the May meeting.
- **Bereavement Committee update**—Mary Jo Schuerman reports that more help is needed if there is more than one funeral reception to host per week. Mary Jo said that she and Don are willing to help with the extra occurrences. Mary Jo also talked to Carol Fausz about scheduling a Bereavement Committee meeting.
- **City-wide meetings regarding IRS property**—Someone from the city called the rectory to see if Mother of God could host a meeting in April. But there was too much going on, so we declined. The meetings are ongoing, so we will host one at another time.
- **Parish banner**—Steve Oberjohn carried the parish banner during the Chrism Mass. He determined that the banner itself is fine. It's the pole that is heavy and unwieldy. He is looking into getting a new pole that is more lightweight.

Ongoing business

The council reviewed and updated the parish calendar:

- **The Hospitality meeting/potluck** originally scheduled for April is happening on May 6. The goal for this meeting is to set up a structured hospitality committee that will make sure every parish social event has a chair and a team to help organize it. It would be good to have the same person chair the same event each year (with a plan for succession) for consistency and so we're not scrambling to organize things at the last

minute. The idea is that these event teams would become small communities within the parish. We've had several people who've expressed interest in getting more involved.

- **First Communion** will take place on May 5. There are four girls who will receive the sacrament.
- **Mother's Day** is May 12. Bridget Kaiser offered to get prayer cards to give to all mothers at both Masses. Perhaps we could do something similar for Father's Day?
- **Progress on repairing the steps to the parking lot across the street** is slow to nonexistent. Father Mike has spoken with the contractor about this and is assured that once the weather breaks, they can start making some headway. The project started last October.
- **Donuts after the Sunday Masses** are no longer being supplied by the Latonia Kroger's. We are now getting them from Emerson's Bakery.
- **Bob Stevie is still working on getting Blink Cincinnati** to consider Mother of God as a featured stop during the event this fall. He was scheduled to attend a meeting, but it was cancelled.

New business

- **The Diocese of Covington is holding an Evangelization Weekend** on May 18 and 19. Mother of God will participate by having members of our RCIA group witness at both Masses. Father will encourage parishioners to invite someone to Mass, and we will have information about RCIA available for anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic. Parish Council members will be needed to staff a table in the back of church after the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses to distribute RCIA materials. Cindy Duesing agreed to format the flyer template provided by the diocese so it can be placed in the May 12 bulletin. Father Mike stressed that we all have a part to play in reaching out to others. This is what we have been commissioned by Jesus Christ to do.
- **Life in the Spirit Seminar** is Saturday, May 18. This program uses videos from Alpha about the teachings of the Holy Spirit. There is a follow-up session on Tuesday, May 21, at Blessed Sacrament. It is a totally separate event from the Evangelization Weekend.
- **Tanya Steger** has notified Father Mike that she wants to retire from the Education Committee. Father said he wants to create an Adult Formation Committee that would serve as an umbrella for education, Bible study and other activities.
- **Teresa Bowman** will be retiring as the sacristan. We will be hiring someone in her place. This is a paid position, so please spread the word to anyone who might be interested.

- **German Mass**—The question was raised as to whether we will have a German Mass this year for Oktoberfest. Father said that if someone wants to organize it, he's agreeable to it.
- **The Kenton County Public Library** would like to do tours of Mother of God in October, which is German Heritage month.
- **New laptop for camera**—Cindy Duesing brought up a concern that the laptop used to operate the StreamSpot camera is getting too old to do the job. It runs on Windows XP, and the processor is not fast enough to handle when the camera position is changed. The camera operators are getting frustrated. Father Mike agreed that we can purchase a new one, possibly with proceeds from the Emmet Cahill concert. Aaron Duesing will get a price and bring it back to Father for approval.
- **Contact for Ladies Altar Society**—The contact in the Parish Directory of Services for the Ladies Altar Society is Louise Dickman. In light of her passing, who is the new contact?
- **Mass guide** – Mary Ann Kelly suggested having a Mass guide in the pews that explain the Mass step-by-step for visitors who may not be familiar with our liturgies.
- **Possible Fr. Ray Kelly concert**—Cindy Duesing received an email from someone scouting possible venues for a concert by Fr. Ray Kelly in September. Fr. Kelly was featured in a YouTube video that went viral and also was a finalist on *Britain's Got Talent*. We responded that we are interested in hosting him but have not heard anything from his manager.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 20.