

Minutes
Churches of St. Patrick and St. Mary of the Lake - Joint Pastoral Council
Site: St. Patrick, West Albany
November 15, 2018

MISSION STATEMENT: *To use our resources, wisdom and energy to empower and encourage parish families and surrounding communities so that people see Christ in our works and commitment to make our parishes thrive and grow and to share our faith with others.*

VISION STATEMENT 2013: *“Ten years from now there will be twice as many parishioners involved and active in the parish and through us, all will know and experience Christ.”*

Present: Jerry and Marilyn Pfeilsticker, Bob Wenger, Lucas Grieves, Deacon David Dose, Dennis Makoutz, Jennie Dieterman, Bill Diedrich, Becky Lukes, Jerry Ott, Maria Schultz

Absent: Father Jason Kern, Lea Sexton, Rick Panther Guests: Teri Pepin, Becca Weist

Opening Prayer	Jerry Pfeilsticker
Meeting roles	Chair: Dennis Makoutz Recorder: Maria Schultz Timekeeper: Jerry Ott Observer: Bob Wenger
Minutes Review	Correction made to minutes - Life Teen/Edge Start up – delete “(or possibly 7,8 or 9) in two places”
Agenda Review	Agenda Approved
Introductions	Everyone introduced themselves.
APT Report	<p>There was a short discussion on St. Mary’s providing a mileage stipend to Deacon David for all the extra miles he has been driving due to not having a pastor. <i>The Joint Pastoral Council recommends that the St. Mary’s Finance Council address compensation for miles for Deacon David traveling to St. Mary’s.</i></p> <p><u>Action Item:</u> Bob Wenger, Trustee, will bring this issue to the St. Mary’s Finance Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service projects or “fruits” of “The Living Discipleship Series” at St. Mary’s include hosting donut Sundays, wine and cheese fellowship on Saturday after Mass, collecting navy blue sweaters and sweatshirts, hosting the open house for the new parish library, donations for First Choice Clinic. A summary of the upcoming “Advent Conspiracy Project” was shared – more details coming. • Results of the recent youth survey done at the Confirmation class on Sunday, November 11, will be shared and discussed at the next APT meeting which is Monday, November 19. • Jerry Ott is working with volunteers from SP to form a Youth Council at SP which will begin January, 2019.
Faith Formation St. Patrick	Dennis gave an update on the FF at SP: Kendra has compiled a 2018-2019 calendar for Faith Formation highlighting key dates. There are currently 23 families enrolled for a total of 49 students; 8 students will be confirmed on Dec. 2 and six children are preparing for the First Sacraments; Kendra will be trained as a Virtus Facilitator next year and she plans to attend the FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) conference in early January held in Indianapolis.
Faith Formation St. Mary’s	Becca gave an update on the FF at SM: There are 15 children preparing for the first sacraments; new families continue to register even though classes have begun; a Christmas program is being planned with the help of Robbie Benedict; total number of students is about 130 plus Confirmation; family and youth adoration is being held on the 2 nd Wednesday of every month from 5:45-6:15 pm. Appreciation was expressed to Becca for her hard work and dedication.
VIRTUS	All members of the Pastoral Council and Amazing Parish Team must be VIRTUS trained. There are some members who still need to attend VIRTUS trainings. <u>Action Item:</u> SP will get a plan in place to ensure all adults at SP are VIRTUS trained.
Youth Rep on Council	Shay O’toole has resigned from the SM Pastoral Council. There was discussion of a replacement. <u>Action Item</u> for January meetings: Come up with suggestions of young people (high school age) who could be invited to serve on the Council and then discuss with new pastor.
Parochial Administrator Report	<p>Father Jason Kern was not able to attend the meeting. He sent the following message that was read aloud:</p> <p>Hello all, First, apologies that I can't make the meeting tonight. In addition to my roles at IHM Seminary and Vocations Director I am in the final year and a half of a degree program. It is an STL in the New Evangelization. Anyway, the class I am in right now decided to have a mandatory discussion this evening and only got it scheduled last week. I wish I was lying and was doing something fun instead...</p> <p>1) Thank you all so much for the welcome you have given me in my time as Parochial Administrator. While it has continued to be a blessing, it is best for all of us if you have a full time pastor. We are glad Fr. Wilmot is able</p>

	<p>to come in January.</p> <p>2) My goals for the Pastoral Councils until then:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep things going! There are many very positive things happening in these parishes. Keep doing what you are doing! • Keep unity in mind and heart. When leadership wanes it is easy for individual leaders to overstep or take too much on. None of you can replace the pastor. Keep doing your role and thank you for hanging in there when you are without the role of the pastor of the parish. Not having a pastor creates a lot of stress on the staff (even if they wouldn't admit it themselves). Special thanks to the staff for their hard work and extra duties during this time. Please continue to fight to work together even despite disagreements or conflicts that arise as we await our new pastor. The last thing we need is division--Satan always works to divide us. Let Christ give you unity and peace! • Remember how you fit into the bigger picture of the parish. Allow me to give a few sentences of clarification on the roles of each body of a parish: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Pastoral Council is a collaborative body to the pastor. They are meant to be the eyes and ears for the pastor to hear from you what is needed or urgent. They are meant to be the initiators, starters, and ones who implement the ideas while engaging the larger parish in getting others involved in ministry, volunteering, or serving the parish and community. ○ The Finance Council is an administrative body but are still consultative and make recommendations to the pastor who has the final say ○ Any other leadership group (e.g. APT) or committee works at the discretion of the pastor and is collaborative to him • Thank you for all you are doing for St. Mary's and St. Patrick parishes. God is doing great things!
New Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Christmas Mass Times:</u> New this year: St. Patrick – 6:00 PM Christmas Eve St. Mary's – 4:00 PM and 8:00 PM Christmas Eve St. Mary's – 9:00 AM Christmas Day • Father John Wilmot, new Pastor, effective January 7, 2019 • St. Patrick received \$350 technology grant from Catholic United Financial for purchase of color copier/scanner/printer
Reminders:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass at St. Joseph's, Theilman, Wednesday, November 21 at 7:00 PM; Father Jason Kern, Celebrant • Confirmation at St. Mary's for both parishes on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 5:00 PM; Bishop John Quinn (St. Patrick – 8 Confirmandi and St. Mary's – 13 Confirmandi)
Old Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet and Greet / Picnic for Parish Council/Finance/APT/Trustees and Parochial Administrator – at St. Patrick – decision made to hold it at St. Patrick summer 2019
Next Meetings:	<p>St. Patrick: Thursday, January 10, 2019-Prayer at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7:00 PM; Becky Lukes (or Father John Wilmot) will lead prayer and Dennis will lead the meeting</p> <p>St. Mary: Thursday, January 24, 2019-Prayer at 6:00 PM, meeting at 6:30 PM; Jerry will lead opening prayer and Lucas will lead closing prayer; Marilyn will lead meeting</p>
Next Joint Meeting:	<p>Thursday, February 28, 2019 at St. Mary's; Prayer at 6:30 PM and meeting at 7:00 PM. Jennie will lead opening and closing prayer.</p>
Comments Shared by Guest:	<p>There are many wonderful activities happening. It would be nice to have a brochure for new people with contact numbers.</p> <p>Agenda item for meetings in January: Discuss how to advertise all the programs offered at each parish.</p> <p>Another comment/question: What is the structure of the Church {parish} Who has authority to make decisions?</p> <p>Answer given: The APT is the strategic planning group and works with all other groups.</p>
Observer Comments:	<p>Very good meeting; worked to solve some problems and now there are new problems to work out.</p>
Closing Prayer:	<p>Jennie Dieterman led us in a closing prayer</p>