

## **Our Lady of Lourdes + St. Anne Pastoral Council**

January 19, 2023

6:30 to 8:00 PM

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

In Attendance: Bob Dutt, Doug Doyle, Karen Gerew, Joe Haefner, Terri Kwiatkowski, Alana Nuth, Dennis Permoda, Deacon Rabjohn, Father Tyman, and Tom Walsh

### Agenda:

1. Opening Prayer
2. Celebration of Father Lawlor for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination as priest in June (Father Tyman)
  - a. June 1, 2023 will be the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Father Lawlor's ordination as priest.
  - b. The Council discussed ideas to celebrate this special event:
    - i. Ask Father Lawlor to preside at the 9:30 AM Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes on Sunday, June 4 as Father Lawlor said his first Mass as a priest at Our Lady of Lourdes. Offer light refreshments after Mass.
    - ii. On that same day, in the afternoon, host a reception in the Social Hall at St. Anne Church. Invite parishioners from our cluster as well as from the other parishes at which Father Lawlor has served in the past.
    - iii. Consider serving hors d'oeuvres and inviting a local musician to play music, invite people to say remarks, and either purchase a cake or ask parishioners to bake desserts for the celebration.
    - iv. Gather photos of Father Lawlor and his service or other artifacts of the decades during which Father Lawlor has been ordained. Display photos and/or artifacts in the atrium.
    - v. Plan for no alcohol at the event as Father Lawlor does not drink much himself and serving alcohol could require additional insurance or permitting.
    - vi. If parishioners want to give a gift, invite them to make a donation to Father Lawlor's charity of choice.
    - vii. Father Tyman will consult with the Finance Committee regarding a budget for the event.
    - viii. Doug, Terry, and Father Tyman volunteered to help with planning and invite additional volunteers to help, including the Knights of Columbus.
3. Volunteer Board (Deacon Bill)
  - a. Dennis Permoda, coordinator for Liturgical Ministers, provided an update on the number of volunteers and coverage for all ministries at Mass:
    - i. Four to five volunteers who had been inactive have returned to service.

- ii. About 30 inactive volunteers remain. Dennis plans to email this group of volunteers to invite them to return to service.
  - iii. In this past scheduling cycle, all positions were filled with the exception of ushers, however, some volunteers are serving frequently.
  - iv. Vince Lenti at St. Anne will be organizing the altar servers and working to solicit more volunteer altar servers.
  - v. No new volunteers have stepped forward.
- b. Deacon Bill described the volunteer boards that he set up at Our Lady of Lourdes and that he will be setting up at St. Anne:
  - i. The volunteer board serves as a visual way of showing to parishioners at both churches all the volunteer opportunities that exist.
  - ii. Parishioners can browse the 3x5" cards posted by the clergy and staff which provide a brief description of the volunteer opportunity and contact information to learn more about the opportunity and sign up.
  - iii. When a volunteer opportunity is filled, the position can be marked as filled, but the card will be left on the volunteer board.
  - iv. Further promotion of the volunteer boards will be needed in the bulletin and as part of the announcements after Mass.
  - v. The Council discussed using a visual indicator to demonstrate the time commitment of each position, whether the opportunity was a one-time commitment or ongoing, and the frequency of the service if ongoing. Ideas included using color-coded cards, icons, or arranging the cards in sections according to time commitment. This idea can be explored in future iterations.
  - vi. Frequently, the parish offices receive phone calls from parishioners in need of assistance. For example, a ride to Mass or help with housekeeping. These calls typically come from senior parishioners or parishioners that are perhaps vulnerable in another way. The church has been hesitant to step in because of liability.
  - vii. Because this need continues and the Council would like to explore it further, Father Tyman will check with the Diocese Risk Manager and this item will be on the agenda for the next Pastoral Council meeting.
- c. Father Tyman provided a brief update of transitioning from six to four Masses:
  - i. Fewer Masses has provided more time and energy for other types of service, such as anointing the sick or private baptisms after Mass.
  - ii. Father Tyman reported seeing more parishioners who attend Mass at both churches and attend different Mass times.
  - iii. Family Masses are planned in the future at which students of Faith Formation will be serving.

#### 4. Phone tree for the Pastoral Council (Alana)

- a. Alana collected everyone's phone number and will be sharing the phone numbers via email and in print at the next Council meeting. By sharing phone numbers, Council members can contact each other outside of meetings using a

method other than email. Also, in the case of a meeting cancellation or location change, Council members can communicate using phone or text message rather than solely email.

#### 5. Closing Prayer