

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

March 16, 2023

6:30 to 8:00 PM

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

In attendance: Annmarie Cook, Doug Doyle, Karen Gerew, Joe Haefner, Alana Nuth, 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
  - a. For June 4, the following events are planned:
    - i. Father Lawlor will preside at the 9:30 AM Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes with a coffee hour after Mass.
    - ii. From 1:00 to 4:00 PM, Father Lawlor will be celebrated at the St. Anne Social Hall.
      1. Members of the Rosary Society will serve hors d'oeuvres, most of which will be purchased. The budget is \$500. The Rosary Society will plate the food and may use the St. Anne dishware for the event. Parishioners will be invited to make and donate baked goods for dessert.
      2. Sister Joan is gathering photographs of Father Lawlor to put on display.
      3. Sister Joan has also gathered a list of family and friends to whom to send invitations. Father Tyman is drafting the text for the invitations.
      4. Father Tyman has purchased a half-page advertisement in the May edition of the *Catholic Courier* to acknowledge Father Lawlor's anniversary with words of congratulations and gratitude.
      5. The planning group will look into purchasing a balloon(s) with "60" written on it, and possibly soliciting donations for flowers at the altar and perhaps also at the afternoon reception.
3. Community board for requests for help from parishioners
  - a. The Volunteer Boards are posted at both churches. Requests from parishioners for help from other parishioners are also posted to the same board. One such request has been posted and filled.
  - b. Constant promotion is necessary (without making parishioners feel guilty), so parishioners remember to take the time to look at the board.

- c. Even more volunteer and service opportunities exist than what is currently posted on the board. Parishioners should be made aware of all the ways that they can be involved with the church.

The Lenten Soup Suppers are going very well. Consistent attendance of 40 to 50 people. Positive feedback received from parishioners. The soups are delicious!

#### 4. Upcoming vacancies on the Council and recruiting new members

- a. At the end of the current term, June 30, there will be five vacancies on the Council: three for St. Anne and two for Our Lady of Lourdes.
- b. One of the St. Anne vacancies and two of the Our Lady of Lourdes vacancies could be filled if current members renew their terms.
- c. All future terms will be for three years.
- d. Members of the Council, Father Tyman, and Deacon Bill will start considering possible candidate for the Council and speak with those candidates to determine if there is interest. Father Tyman will start mentioning the upcoming vacancies at Mass and in the bulletin. If Fr. Tyman wishes, Deacon Bill can add the Council as a volunteer opportunity on the Volunteer Board.
- e. Depending on the number of interested candidates, the Council can hold a meeting that can serve as an opportunity for prayer and discernment for possible new members and also as opportunity for current Council members and potential new Council members to meet one another.
- f. The idea is to maintain the equal number of Council members from each church.
- g. At our next meeting, we will discuss the idea of considering ways to build more community between both churches and moving towards becoming a single parish with two churches rather than a cluster with two parishes.

#### 5. Status of weekly contributions now that both churches have resumed collections during Mass

- a. This topic will be discussed at the next meeting with a financial report that covers January through March of 2023.
- b. The CMA campaign continues. Our Lady of Lourdes has met its goal. St. Anne is at 75% of its goal.
- c. Attendance at the 4:00 PM (SA) and 9:30 AM (OLOL) is the highest with about 200 parishioners. Attendance at the 5:30 PM (OLOL) and 11:00 AM (SA) is much lower at about 50 to 60 parishioners. It's likely that some parishioners have begun attending Mass at other churches after the change in Mass schedule. The 9:30 AM Mass time poses a conflict for members of the St. George Lithuanian

community as a weekly Lithuanian broadcast is scheduled for Sunday mornings at or near the same time as the 9:30 AM Mass.

## 6. Closing Prayer