

**Holy Family Catholic Community
Pastoral Table
Meeting Minutes for February 20, 2023**

Present: Fr. Terry Keehan, Pastor; Mike Myers, Chair; Greg Flanagan; Lisa Gagliano; Sue Geegan Luis Gutierrez; ; Eric Kramp;;

Absent: Krystal Harris; Joy Kull; Anne Madsen

Chair Mike Myers called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM

I. Opening Grace Moments: Table members shared experiences of Grace in their lives.

II. Community Engagement Survey

Father Terry advises that the Staff Directors recommend focus on the survey results from the “20 somethings” and the “unmarrieds”. We have the best access to these two groups.

Father Terry and Krystal are putting their efforts into engaging the 20 Somethings, looking to sit down personally and then discuss the church in their lives. Will expect, and acknowledge, legitimate anger on certain issues, and to challenge, in a direct and compassionate way, illegitimate angers and beliefs. Intent is to focus on three questions:

1. Why do you not come to church?
2. What can the church/Holy Family do to address your needs
3. When was the last time you talked to anyone about anything spiritual?

Subsequently, to develop learnings from those interviews and push the questions and results outside of Holy Family to further validate.

Lisa shared she would be happy to serve as a point-of-contact to address access needs and disability-related concerns..

Next steps: Lisa, Michael, Terry, and Krystal to identify the survey learnings that can be put into practice..both the low hanging fruit as well as items that will need longer development. (later in the discussion, it became apparent that inclusion of the disabled, may be one of the learnings that could be addressed near-term)

On a related point, parish is looking to resurrect Kid Church. Father Terry is aware of three young families that have the potential to be involved in that program.

III. Proposed Human Concerns Ministry

For the Table’s consideration, Sue presented a proposal for a new ministry: “Welcoming the Stranger” (Leaders: Myra & Larry Buettner) Purpose is to increase the awareness of the plight of refugees and migrants, in the northwest suburbs, through education, personal interaction with “strangers” and involvement in charity and long-term solution opportunities.

Table reviewed and discussed the purpose, mission, and activities of this ministry – All Table members present expressed their support.

IV. Pastor's Report

- **FM (Family Mass)**-This past Sunday had biggest crowd yet, even bigger than January
- **Adventure in Grace continues...**
 - *Parish Mission Monday, March 6, Tuesday, March 7-Gifts of Tender Grace, Jesus, the Eucharist and Each Other
 - *SCC/GIGs-Now over 100 new sign ups since we devoted all Masses to promoting them. New ideas including members of the Deaf Community and a group focusing on Yoga.
- **Lent**
 - **Lenten Theme**-Compassion: Promise and Challenge
 - **Lenten Social Justice Project**-We will be supporting the Edmundite Mission in Selma Alabama that reaches out to Black Americans in high poverty. Specifically, we will be supporting the renovation of a building that will become the Casey Center to house young adults to engage in Catholic Social Teaching and then apply those teachings to end the cycle of poverty. The Edmundite Missions offer job placement programs, nutritional support and education and other community services. Our generosity will support the building renovation so college interns can stay at the Casey Center to live out their faith and work at the Mission and Center.
 - **Ash Wednesday** is February 22. See the Website and bulletin for details of Services and Masses beginning at 6:30 am.
 - **Fish Fry**- Fridays, March 3 and 10, 6-7:30 . Stations of the Cross at 7pm.
- **Food Pantry**- Food Pantry-We are beginning a monthly food collection effort in conjunction with the All Saints Lutheran Food Pantry located at the Partners in our Community Center in Palatine. The next one will be March 18 and 19 before and after all Masses. This ministry is in need of a co-Leader with Carol and Bill Pankros.
- **Build a Bed Success**-over \$6,000 was raised through purchase of baked goods and donations to support our 7th and 8th graders to carry out this meaningful service.
- **Barb and Kurt Knuth Distinguished Service Award**-Our First Honoree is Andrea Ferrel. Three Ferrel children have graduated from our Academy. Andrea and her husband Tim have Chaired the Gala and Andrea has worked in the Academy Library for many years.
- **Academy Strategic Plan** has begun led by the Meitler Group.

- **Gala Update**-Sponsorship is the highest for any Gala so far. Ticket sales are ahead of previous Galas.

V: Next Meeting

The next Pastoral Table Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 28 at 6:30 PM.

Closing Prayer: Luis Gutierrez

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.