

## **Pastoral Advisory Council Meeting**

### **March 9, 2026 7:00 PM**

**Attending:** Fr. Michael, Emily Krivacek, Natalia Gutierrez, Zulma Hernandez, Tom McCrady, Linda Ali, Brendon Doran, Jim Stapleton, Kyle Kveton, Michael Massiatte, Michael Meyer, Luis A De Jesus, Faustin Weber

**Absent:** Scott Love, John Thinnes, Deacon Jeremy

**Opening Prayer:** Fr Michael

#### **Pastor's Report - Fr. Michael**

- During school spring break sanctuary lighting will be adjusted and chalking fixed. We are adding additional lighting to the stations of the cross mosaics to better feature them.
- The Men's Conference was well attended and was a success. It was one of the largest events the parish has hosted so far.
- Parish has applied for a grant for additional security cameras in the parish facilities and hopes to hear in the next few weeks.
- The columbarium has been completely reserved.

#### **Facilities & Finance**

- **Business Management Facilities** - Zulma Hernandez
  - Working to make sure all the different groups between parish, school and PVO are booked and up to date on procedures.
- **Finance** - Michael Meyer
  - \$218,000 in January collections, which came in under budget. This was attributed to the ice weekend.
  - The finance council formally approved replacing all lockers for upper school.

#### **Subcommittee Reports**

- **School** - Emily Krivacek
  - We had a wonderful Gala this weekend at the Astoria in Irving. Despite a rainy night, the event was well attended and our community was generous. It will take some time to assess final revenues and expenses. Our "fund-a-cause" was student bathroom renovations. We will likely do some of that this summer and hopefully finish the remainder next summer.
  - Last year's Gala fund-a-cause, the creation of the outdoor classroom where the "butterfly garden" once resided, is nearing completion. We are finishing up with a mural designed by Ana Lopez, a future parent in our school, featuring Our Lady of Guadalupe. The new outdoor classroom will accordingly be called our "Guadalupe Outdoor Classroom." As a tribute to the space that it once was, butterflies are incorporated into the mural design.
  - Also up for summer upgrades: student hallway lockers upstairs. They are the original lockers from the school's opening. We will be removing all 400+ of them and installing new ones in June.

- Enrollments look strong for next year. We just sent out acceptances and await parents' final decisions. We anticipate enrollment to be between 790-800, making us the 2nd largest Catholic elementary school in the diocese (St. Thomas, with a lower and higher campus, is largest.) Our preliminary budget projects 795 students. Applications to our CLC and K programs are particularly strong—we are maxed out in both—portending well for the future. Our CLC growth is outstanding: from the low 70's in 2022 to 115 today. Kendra and her teachers do a fantastic job.
- We moved our “Legacy Celebration Night” for past parents and teachers to March 30 in light of the ice from Catholic Schools Week. The Booster Club will be hosting a golf tournament for the first time in a while on April 13 at the Tribute Golf Course in the Colony, and our PVO's annual “Run for the Stars” event is April 24.
- **Communications** - Nothing this month
- **Liturgical** - Nothing this month
- **Stewardship** - Jim Stapleton & Kyle Kveton
  - Jim & Kyle met with Emily, Linda and Michael last month after the Pastoral Advisory Council meeting had concluded to understand what was done at POP last year for the Stewardship effort.
  - Jim & Kyle are meeting with JB who led the stewardship efforts at St. Ann's on Tuesday, 3/10 to understand what they did to inform the approach we will take at POP this year.
- **Youth & Young Adults** - Brendon Doran
  - Discussion of feedback from the young adult community was discussed on Sister Parish Casino night and the Knight's fish fry.
- **Evangelization & Adult Faith Formation** - Tom McCrady
  - OCIA is continuing to prepare for their upcoming sacraments.
- **Outreach & Multicultural Celebrations** - Natalia Gutierrez
  - Multicultural festival will be Aug 23rd
  - Annette from pathfinders spoke at the Lenten mission, and about 5 people signed up to volunteer. The Church has been great at pushing out information for more involvement in pathfinders.
  - Upcoming events
    - March 28 Streetside showers
    - April 5th Minnie's food pantry
- **Knights of Columbus** - Luis A De Jesus
  - Upcoming:
    - Fish dinners will be served on Friday, March 13 and March 27.
    - Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 5 after the 12:15pm mass.
    - Next Breakfast will be on Sunday, April 12, after the 8 and 10 am masses.
    - May 5-8 – Wheelchair distribution to Sister Parish in Honduras.
    - May 16 – KOC Annual Bingo
  - Report back:
    - Served 246 parishioners during the February 20th fish dinner.

- Prepared breakfast and provided support during the 15th Annual Men's Conference on February 28.
- Served approximately 325 parishioners during the March 8th Breakfast.
- Wheelchair Mission donations after the two weekend drives, and as of March 1, Prince of Peace had donated over \$120.000.

**Closing Prayer:** Fr Ike

**Adjournment:** 7:57pm

**Next Meeting:** April 13th, 2026