

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Niagara, WI
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
4/18/23

Present: Fr. Quinn Mann, Becky Aderman, Josh Vandebush, Patti Sparapani, Tony Noska, Tammie Goldschmidt, Tammy VanPembrook

1. Welcome and opening prayer: Fr. Quinn Mann, called to order 6:20 pm.
2. Approval prior meeting minutes: Motion by Tony Noska, seconded by Tammie Goldschmidt
3. Additions to agenda:
 - C. Living Clock/Passion Update: Tammie Goldschmit
 - D. Our Lady's Maidens of the Altar: Tammy VanPembrook
4. Request to approve agenda: Motion by Tony Noska, seconded by Tammie Goldschmidt
5. Update from Pastor/Committees: January meeting was canceled due to illnesses. Fr. Quinn suggested having one rep from each of the following committees at subsequent meetings to give updates/presentations: SCCW, Food Pantry, Catholic School House, RE/Book Study, Building & Grounds, etc.
6. New Business:
 - a) On Sunday, 4/16/23, Fr. Quinn read a letter at the end of masses from Fr. Don Everts regarding transition of pastors with Fr. Quinn's last day being 6/30/23 and Fr. Felix Abano first day being 7/1/23. (See attached) This will be the first time our parishes have had an international priest and Fr. Quinn asked council to consider taking leadership on a meet & greet for Fr. Felix after the first masses on Sunday, 7/2/23.
 - b) Zoom meeting/call regarding sale of rectory took place 3/31/23 with Fr. Quinn, Judy Parent, Patti Sparapani, Bishop Ricken and the college of consultors in which all voted unanimously to sell the rectory. Rectory is prepared for sale and will be listed with Stephens and Associates Realty.

c) Tammie Goldschmidt gave update on the Living Clock/Passion of Our Lord that took place Holy Thursday & Good Friday, 2023. This community ministry was started at St. Anthony's in 2022 and has grown to 30 participants in 2023. Servant of God, Luisa Picaretta, composed 24 hours of reflections of the Lord's passion. During each assigned hour, a parishioner meditated on a moment of Our Lord's passion, either at church or in their homes. Tammie received very positive feedback from participants and was asked to create a format so people could share their experiences in an effort to promote it's growth for Lent 2024. The group also thanked Tammie for prayer cards she created and placed in pews regarding Christ's presence with each soul after receiving Holy Communion.

d) Tammy VanPembroke gave update on Our Lady's Maidens of the Altar (OLMOTA) who are a group of young ladies and their mothers who meet the first Sundays of the month after mass during school year to facilitate coffee and rolls, study the Evangelical Virtues of Our Blessed Mother, prepare credence table and priestly vestments before mass, clean and press holy altar linens, and have holy activities and gatherings. There are currently 5 active members who have met 7 times since 11/2022. She mentioned the increase of occult practices such as yoga running rampant in society and how these should be combated with virtuous practices such as the Holy Rosary. On this note, she spoke about Soul Core rosary ministry as one example OLMOTA participated in this past winter, which is now being offered as a weekly class at another local parish. She has received positive feedback from the young ladies as well as their mothers. A nun run (convent visits to meet sisters/nuns) is planned for maidens and moms for July to increase awareness of female vocations to the sisterhood/consecrated life.

Other new business discussed:

e) Fr Quinn hopes to hire a secretary before 7/23.

f) First Holy Communion will be celebrated at St. Anthony's Sunday, April 30th.

g) Confirmation mass will be at St. Anthony's, Sunday, 5/7/23 with Bishop Ricken, Fr. Soja Joseph and confirmands and sponsors from our 3 parishes, as well as Goodman, Armstrong Creek and Florence. SACCW will be holding a reception in the narthex after the event.

h) May Crowning will take place during mass at St. Anthony's on Sunday, 5/14/23.

Next meeting: May 16th, 2023 at 6:15 p.m.

Adjournment motion by Patti Sparapani, seconded by Josh Vandebush at 8:00 p.m.

Closing prayer by Fr. Quinn.