

Present: Fr. Maurer Sean Malone, Dirk Bartram,Gina Olsen, MaryAnn Draye,Pat Riley,Paul Sundberg

Guest: Tom Martin

Absent: Abner Manahan

Opening Prayer: Fr.Maurer

Review of April minutes: Minutes were amended and accepted with corrections.

Synodal Way Parish Listening Session.

Tom Martin gave overview of the general engagement from parishes throughout the Archdiocese.

There were about 350 participants and the general outcomes were very similar for all.

St.Mark held a total of 5 sessions with a total attendance of 45 parishioners. The most inactive group were the 25-36 yr old group.

Common themes of discussion:

- Covid impact

- Missing the Sacraments,Liturgy,and community.

- Need to focus on rebuilding our church community.

- Build on our rich traditions and Truth in Christ

- Losing the young as they do not feel included or welcome

- Encourage universal love and enhance prayer

- Strong interest in small groups and education

Tom also presented stories from people throughout the diocese about what the church did or didn't do to serve them and what was needed to improve including support in times of need, fixing wrongs,being more flexible and being all inclusive.

Challenges: Transparency with concerns such as womens roles, priest scandal and appealing liturgy. Resources for returning catholics and timing for community events.

What can we do about our challenges:

Learn our faith, engage more in the sacraments and build our prayer life, renew our engagement in our catholic traditions, be all inclusive and form age and interest specific groups that can energize all members of our parish and community.

What are next steps for the Archdiocese:

Currently,all info is being reviewed and consolidated to present 10 pages synopsis which will be reported to the Pope later this year.

Old business: Parish financial update.

Continue looking for new members for the financial council.

Seeking ways to engage better responses from our 788 families to participate in tithing: have had improved numbers return of passing baskets at mass.

Is there anything else the Pastoral council can do to support this effort?

Paul Sundberg has volunteered to be a liaison to the school commission to provide updates between all groups; finance, Pastoral and school in order to facilitate better ability to work together on finances and needs.

Fr. Maurer is planning a Leadership luncheon on June 11, 2022 in hopes of attracting new people and ideas for new groups and ministries that will stir interest in growing our church and community involvement .

A list of ministries will be put in the bulletin and hope to open lines of communication between the ministries.

Need to find people to coordinate schedules for volunteers.

There is a plan in process for a ministry fair possibly this fall.

The parish mission is in progress and Fr. Maurer is beginning to evaluate the response to decide where to go from here.

Charter drafts for focus areas:

The charter drafts for the young adult focus group and the welcome/outreach group were reviewed.

Young Adult group: things to consider include: Age, place in life, how to build a tool kit to start a group, a review of the article in the current NW Catholic about groups in other parishes as a reference.

Welcome/Outreach group: after review it is decided that we should develop one area at a time as all ideas are good but require a lot of planning . The Pastoral Council will choose which area to begin with after further review. Whatever is chosen should include a spiritual bases.

Feedback is needed on item C especially.

There will be 2 emails set up, one for each focus group and when new ideas are available, members will be able to respond on a weekly basis with thoughts and suggestions. We will re- address these items at the next meeting and plan for next steps.

The final item on tonight's meeting was : How to engage people in the Liturgy during mass? It was agreed that restarting Music was of major importance as many have heard from parishioners that this is very much missed.

Closing prayer: Fr, Maurer

Meeting adjourned: 8:30pm