

### **Summary of action items:**

1. Two parish council members are needed to write their "story" for posting on the parish council website. So far Roland Labana, Kevin Nazal and Maria Lingbanan have shared theirs. The next one will be posted in February so please volunteer to write yours and let Roland know if you can. See Maria's current posting for a good example.
2. Roland and Kelly to set up an orientation for new members.
3. Everyone should review the synod reports available on our website for discussion at the next meeting.
4. Roland and Kelly to create prompts based on the synod process that can be used during Coffee with Council/Synod Sundays. Will send them to members to review when ready.
5. Reminder to all to wear your badge after Mass and mingle and engage with others at coffee and donuts or outside of the church. Listen and ask questions.
6. Roland will ask Dan Schwala to include parish council members on the invitation to tend the Welcome Table along with hospitality ministers when it is brought back. All members are encouraged to participate.
7. We need a few members of the council to join a committee on the Eucharistic Revival. There are already three parishioners who are interested in this and we need to provide some direction on what we want to do. Please let Roland and Kelly know if you can join.
8. Merrick to share the link from Julianne Stanz previous talk.
9. Msgr. and Merrick to confer with Julianne about having the Eucharistic miracles display at St. Monica about a month after her talk at the retreat. For now Merrick will reserve the available March dates.
10. We would like a few parish council members to join a committee led by Felipe to assess the plan for Holy Grounds. Mugs and Joanne said they will join. James will ask Anna Sophia.
11. Roland to invite Merrideth to present an update from the Green Team at the next meeting.

Here are the agenda items we discussed at the meeting:

- 6:15pm - Gathering, food, prayer
- 6:30pm - Announcements/General updates - Roland/Kelly
- 6:45pm - Thanksgiving update - Ryan
- 6:55pm - School update - Kevin
- 7:10pm - Discussion on Synod - all (pls refer to above pre-reads)
- 7:25pm - Eucharistic Revival - Merrick
- 7:40pm - Admin/Dev updates - Felipe/Merrick
- 8:00pm - Ministry updates/open discussion - all
- 8:15pm - Action item review - Roland
- 8:20pm - Closing prayer

## Meeting Notes - Thanks to Kevin Nazal!

### St. Monica Parish Council meeting @ Wed Dec 13, 2023 6:15pm - 8:30pm

#### Attendees:

- In Person: Roland Labana, Kelly Brooks, Felipe Sanchez, Fr. Park, Fr. Jonathan, Jennie DiPaolo, Ryan Barba, Kevin Nazal, Joanne Dietch, Mugs
- Online: Katie Harding, JD Carney, Maria Lingbanan, Brianna Rodriques, Merrick Siebelner, Kevin McCardle, James Pena

Opening Prayer by Msgr.

Gathering/Food/Opening Prayer:

#### Announcements:

- Welcome new committee members Ryan Barba, JD (Faith Formation), Joanne Dietch (At Large), James Pena
- Orientation will be done offline, Roland to reach out to new members for separate orientation
- Covenant Book is in the same place, Kelly to provide an update in the next meeting
- **CALL OUT:** Bios on the website, council members encouraged to write a short bio
- Cornerstone call out

#### Thanksgiving Update:

- Successfully served 1000+ meals, uptick from last year
- 850 people made it on campus, 150 homebound meals and 152 haircuts
- Resources Services have been expanded and we partnered with DTSM (Donovan), Haircuts, Services for pregnancy, Veterans, reconnecting with families

#### School Update

- The schools will close for winter break at the end of the week
- Upper school close on Thurs, Lower School close on Friday Noon
- Concert in the school yard on Friday 12/15
- Open House & Play Date Tk-12: The school managed to pull it off without the primary building.
- Update on the East Wing: asbestos was everywhere in the school, long tedious process. The abatement hopefully to finish next week. The insurance company refused to insure the building unless they changed the plumbing that would cost \$220k
- Gas leak in the school yard, it was a gas companies pipe – had to cancel school for a few days on the west side of campus
- CIF Championship Football plaque. They went to semi finals and lost in the finals to Sweetwater High School. Last time St Monica HS won a CIF football championship was 25 years ago
- The school is working with the parish to update the emergency response plan.

- One of the actions is to be more catholic in action rather than just in name. Suzette has been doing more retreats for the lower level.
- Juniors just returned from a retreat.
- Rebuild the alter server ministry. Getting people to volunteer is hard. Getting the lector ministry to work in tandem with the youth ministry.
- Setting up an exchange program in the middle of France. Similar exchange program to one in Japan. Rob Green is the dean of experiential education; he connects with other schools around the world. TK-12 . Currently connecting with MoWa Valley (France) 2 students to come next year and we hopefully will be sending some of our students

#### Synod Update:

- Msgr: The Synod should be a place where many voices are heard. Pope Francis wanted silence. The synod is coming back again next year for a second session. It should be a church to listen similar to parish council and finance council.
- Review sometime our own Synod-al. We should have an opportunity to look at the remarks of our people and people of our archdiocese.
- Msgr has made it a mission to find the laity and the life of our church.
- 2021 – 2022 St Monica did a Synod and participated.
  - o The importance of the laity
  - o Hearing difference voice at mass, not just priest. Including from other churches
  - o What can St. Monica can do to influence other churches?
- Mugs: The woman hood part of the resonated with her. ***Don't get dishearten by the church because you are the church.*** I wouldn't walk away from myself. We are the church.
- ACTION ITEM: Revisit the St. Monica Synod [Stmonica.net/synod](http://Stmonica.net/synod)
- The desire is not to have a Synod once in ever 15 years.
- Unless your quiet and silent, you won't hear.
- Unless you take time for silence, you have nothing to say.
- Joanne: In the old church you were afraid to speak up. People who walk out the door you can hear them. People love the progressive nature of our the church.
- Roland: Coffee with Council, what if we had prompts for parishioners
- Kelly: Christine suggested we could have Synodal Sunday
- Msgr: Do a better job to introduce Parish Council
- NEXT STEPS:
  - o Share the report & read them
  - o Synodal Sundays

#### Eucharist Revival (Merrick)

- 3-year process started in June of 2023. St Monica is catching up
- We need to make this a parish wide initiative.
- National Movement – created to help renew personal relationship with Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. True presence
- The Mission:
- #BackToMass

- Diocesan Renewal
  - Come & See Campaign: Witness videos #BacktoMass
- What is going to speak to our parishioners?
- Parish Renewal: Four Initiations
  - Reinvigorate Worship
    - What moves us at Mass...
    - What are other elements at mass that move them (i.e.. incense, processing to get communion, Being attentive)
    - Caught up in Awe & Wonder
  - Personal Encounter – Monthly “Encounter Nights” – this is not adoration.
    - If you don’t know what you’re walking into – then you’re not going to walk in
  - Robust Faith Formation
  - Missionary Sending
    - “Invite One Back” and accompany those in need and on the margins.
- St Monica at Present
  - Three Person “Team”
  - Increased Adoration
    - Third Friday
    - Second & Fourth Sundays, Noon-3p
  - Julianne Stanz: Parish Mission Lent 2024 (2/18, 2/19, 2/20)
    - Tabernacle in the Church
    - Tabernacle within
    - We become a Tabernacle in the streets.
  - Proposals
    - Webpage, Priest Videos, Book, Eucharist Miracles Exhibit to St Monica, Local Pilgrimages
- Council(s) Support
  - Model your own Individual Eucharist Revival Journey
    - Share that story.
    - Uncover other stories.
  - Survey ministries on how they can incorporate the four invitations.
    - What will be well-received at St Monica

- Make recommendation on implementation.
  - Liturgy is the work of the people.
  - Invite others to join the team driving ER initiatives.
- Action Items:
  - The Parish Playbook – that breaks open the 4 initiation.
  - We have to be both Martha & Mary
  - Will reserve the Eucharist Miracles Exhibit on March 15, 16, 17
    - Let's ask Julianne.
    - We have the grand pavilion.
    - People that could help with the Eucharistic Ministry Revival
      - Volunen-Tell You
      - Steven, Rogers Family, Lynn Kurata, Emma Varguez,
      - Average about 30-40 people
      - Jenny Hoffman-Haggard, Keith Baker,

#### Admin/Dev Update

- School Flood
- Sharing a couple facilities. Many of the parish rooms are being used for the school. During the school day, the maintenance staff has been good at turning around the rooms.
  - Cornerstone will not have access to the auditorium.
- Mass Counts:
  - We're up from last October.
    - 9:30 is way up:
    - Other masses are slowly going up
    - 7:30 compared to 11:30, 7:30 is less.
    - 5:30pm is up slightly but is down then pre-pandemic ~400 people
  - Staff Member – Donna Damion is in the accounting department is retiring and leaving in February. Interviews for Sr. Accounting position
  - Welcome Table: Dan Schwella is now confident that we can have it back after the 9:30, 5:30pm
    - Ask that if a member of Parish Council can be part of it.
  - Brought back childcare after the 9:30, we have a few kids.
  - Advent time is the busiest time of the year.
    - Christmas will close on the 21<sup>st</sup> after 12/10 mass and reopen on Saturday the vigil mass and reopen at 4pm mass

- We are 50% to the Christmas Goal
- Msgr card is going out soon
  - Direct Mail Campaign will go out this week
- Call to Renew: A contract has been signed and the hospitality suite will begin construction after the new year
- Video Screens on the pillars –
  - The screens will go up before Christmas with the temp solutions.
- Holy Lands Contributions:
  - We are keeping the Christmas offertory.
  - Msgr has asked specific people to give with the Holylands
  - If we go above and beyond in the Christmas offertory the finance council can vote...
- Holy Grounds: The manager left a couple months ago, Jesse Chancy is a consultant and is helping with best practices, job description,
  - Holy Grounds is a ministry, it's a job training for people coming out of juvenile. job training. the camp has closed down.
  - Branding process for Holy Grounds and if it's a ministry how are we communicating it to the parishioners
  - 4 parish council: Mugs, Joanne and would happen in January and would meet 5-6 times.

#### Ministry Updates

- Christine:

- Navigators
  - There is a great plan to move on...
  - Costa.. will be working on MarCom
- Spirituality Center:
  - 50 SEEL
  - 12 MSD
  - Continue to do retreats.
  - Meeting with the task force
- Pastoral Care Realm
  - 2 Bereavement Groups in the Fall – 25-26 people

- Training for new ministers
- Steven Ministers – looking for new ministers.
- Eucharist Ministry of the sick is coming back.
- Health Ministry is planning a local pilgrimage
- Blood Drive
- Green Team:
  - Meredith met with Felipe to move the bins around. Wherever there is a trash can there should be bins
  - Meet in January to discuss the carbon footprint
  - Hosting a Just Faith
  - Meredith to discuss Green team to Bishop
    - She would like to come to Parish Council to present the action plan
- Faith Formation
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Welcome RCIA members
  - Team Confirmation
    - Year 1 has capped it to almost 60. Moved from the learning commons to the spirituality center
    - Year 2 has 40 students
    - 2 set dates for retreats and walk in
    - Confirmation is April 28 – Bishop Alsoff
- Admin Council
  - Need for more electric car charger.
  - Keeping the church open during the day
    - Daily: 7am to Noon Mass
    - Looking for different options to keep it open
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#### Action Items

- Roland to get all new new members a badge.
- Austin will be garnering info for reach of the ministries. A log line for each ministry...
- **Next Meeting January 24, 2023**

#### Closing Prayer