

# OUR LADY OF SORROWS PARISH

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**Meeting: Monday, September 24, 2018**  
**8:00 – 9:15 p.m.**  
**OLS Family Center**

Fr. Mark	*	Terry Hirsch	*	Jill Morketter	*		
Fr. Paul	*	Debbie Milton	*	Karl Seilo	*		
				Joe Sparks	#	Ann Whitfield	*

\* Attendee / # Absent

### Welcome

### Prayer & Reflection – Fr. Mark

### Approval June 4<sup>th</sup> Minutes – Debbie Milton / Jill Morketter

### Welcome & Introductions

- Returning to format with one commission representative meeting with Parish Pastoral Council

### Vicariate Pastoral Council Report –

- Marilyn will no longer be the vicariate representative going forward
- Looking for 1-2 new representatives
- Attaching June 19, 2018 meeting minutes from Marilyn Trumper-Samra

### Committee & Commission Reports / Annual Goals Presentation

- Finance Council – Mark McInerney
  - Discussed upcoming offertory drive (starting this weekend)
  - Budget for the current year shows risk due to decrease in tuition (enrollment decline) and unexpected/necessary repairs over the summer
  - Additional projects that need to be done include HVAC, areas of school roof
    - 3-5 years capital expenditures projected at \$1.1M
  - Starting discussion on setting tuition for 2019-20 – Jason Cavanaugh & Tony Boardman will be Finance Council reps
- Evangelization – Carmen Maffezzoli
  - Create a transformative Sunday experience
    - Help Stewardship with information desk after the Masses
    - Help with Team Solanus greeters before Mass, volunteer to greet at Parish Mission
  - Demonstrate radical hospitality
    - Emmaus small faith-sharing groups, welcoming people into homes to create fellowship & community
    - Operation Olive Branch – project being evaluated for in-home reach out to inactive parishioners

- During Founders Fest Light the Night event, go out to meet & greet people and collect prayer intentions
  - Provide shallow entry points for people seeking Jesus
    - Emmaus small groups also allow for a more intimate way to further explore their faith vs. a larger bible study
    - Light the Night is a community event and invitation into Adoration in the church
    - Considering outdoor (possibly with Farmington community event) story-telling event that leads them back to something happening at church
    - Participating with a booth at Farmington Farmer's Market with St. Fabian & St. Gerald with a blessing of the pets & the Farmer's Market and then informational handout on Emmaus, Grief workshop and Tree Lighting as well as rosaries & medals
- Worship – Carla Amori
  - Create a transformative Sunday experience
    - Rework the greeting to encourage better sharing of names
    - Brainstorming ideas for better using the video wall
    - Possibly supplying paper & pencils to allow people to journal in the pew
  - Demonstrate radical hospitality
    - Lector A should introduce themselves in the welcome
    - Support Team Solanus ministry
    - Using the video wall at weddings to show couple's name & wedding date
  - Provide shallow entry points for people seeking Jesus
    - Post video of teaching Mass on website
    - Better communicate the opportunities that people have to worship outside of attending full Sunday Mass
- Christian Service – Amanda Cavanaugh
  - Create a transformative Sunday experience
    - Memorial Day tribute to veterans
    - Giving Tree sorting
  - Demonstrate radical hospitality
    - Host South Oakland Shelter guests
    - Providing bagged lunches for Veteran's Stand Down
    - Continuing to serve at St. Leo's, St. Christine's & St. Pat's
    - Hosted on-site picnic for CARES
  - Provide shallow entry points for people seeking Jesus
    - Mercy in Action day of service projects
    - Backpack/school supply collection for homeless or in-need children in Farmington Hills
    - Continuing grade level Christian Service projects to introduce our children to different ways to serve
- School – Ann Whitfield
  - Started the year with 826 students (down from 862 last year)
  - 9 new teachers were hired, 2 of those openings were due to moving teachers into administrative roles & 1 from Deidre Ratliff moving to Advancement role
  - Atmosphere and climate has been very positive so far (tardies are down dramatically, behavioral referrals are down)
  - School book fair is underway
  - Students are competing in Scholastic Olympics at Marian & Brother Rice in October
  - Preparing for IOWA testing to start in October

- PPC Vacancies – Discussion
  - Cathy, Miriam & Scott will not be returning
  - Targeting 5 new members to join Parish Council
  - Terry has appointments confirmed with 3 people

Pastor's Comments – Fr. Mark

- No further comments

Closing Prayer – Fr. Paul

Adjournment

***NEXT MEETING: October 22, 2018***