

St. Michael Parish Pastoral Council
April 9, 2018 minutes

Members present: Fr. Marty, John Companik, David Gray, Linda Hansen, Linda Kinzer, Jim Prasopoulos, Dan Price, Lynn Schmitt, Gib Wieser

Additional guest present: Tom Molnar

Fr. Marty opened the meeting by reviewing the history of the Solemnity of the Annunciation, which is annually observed on March 25 except when March 25 falls during Holy Week, as it did this year. In those cases, the solemnity is transferred to the Monday after the Second Sunday of Easter. Council members heard St. Leo the Great's homily on the Annunciation and then joined Fr. Marty in an opening prayer.

Construction on the church is underway, and pictures and updates, including entrance closures should construction crews notify the parish in advance, are being posted on the parish's web site and social media pages. Fr. Marty and parishioners will meet again with insurance agents to ensure the parish will get the best possible insurance for the project. The continuation committee plans to hold an event for those new to the parish since 2015 to introduce them to the construction project and ask for their support. The event is tentatively scheduled for May 20, though committee members are considering different dates to maximize attendance.

Also on the calendar for May 20 is a diocesan prayer service at Holy Angels Cathedral marking the submission of all parish synod implementation plans. St. Michael's synod implementation plan should be completed by mid-April. It includes the introduction of the Alpha program for small faith-sharing groups. [We have identified a leader for the Alpha program at St. Michael, and they are currently participating in one such group at St. John the Evangelist in St. John to better understand how it works before implementing it here.](#) Another synod priority includes hosting Theology on Tap for those ages 21-35 at Region Ale on August 9, 16 and 23 and Theology Uncorked for other adults at Ciao Bella on July 26, August 9 and August 23.

In school news, Fr. Marty is pleased with potential enrollment numbers for the 2018-19 school year in grades K-8 as well as the new all-day preschool for ages 3, 4 and 5 and is optimistic the open house and ice cream social scheduled for April 12 will yield more enrollments.

Fr. Marty and the council had initial discussions on how to best communicate with parishioners and how to gather, store and use home phone numbers, cell phone numbers and email addresses should parishioners be willing to provide those. The council will likely form a subcommittee to discuss the matter further in the coming months.

Dan and John have updated the parish's strategic plan, pastoral council charter and commission charters, and these documents have been uploaded to the parish web site along with past parish council minutes. The council plans to review the strategic plan and the council and commission charters at its next meeting, scheduled for May 14 at 7 p.m. in one of the small meeting rooms of St. Patrick's Hall. The final meeting of the 2017-18 year will be June 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the rectory.

The meeting adjourned after the council prayed the Hail Mary with special intentions for Deacon Jack Krol as well as this year's confirmandi, who will receive the sacrament on April 13.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Cox