

# St. Margaret Mary Pastoral Council Meeting

Date: February 8, 2024

Attendance: Fr. Adam, Deacon René, Bruce Coughlan, Rose Del Grosso, Kim Drotar, Sarah Mandarano, Christina Mines, Edna Moreno, Marilyn Sturtevant, Ilaria Paletta (guest)

1. Producing our own bulletin (Guest: Ilaria from Immaculate Heart of Mary)
  - a. Info from Ilaria:
    - Ads
      - Advertisers pay \$250 per square, \$200 for 9 middle squares
      - Brings in \$13,000 each year; \$10,000 to parish and \$3,000 to KofC
      - 65 ad spots
      - Invoices issued by KofC for advertisers
    - Made on Microsoft Publisher (we could use Canva)
    - Submit content by Thursday morning, print Friday morning
    - 275 copies per week, 175 sent by email (Friday afternoon)
    - \$0.10/colour page = \$0.40/bulletin = ~\$6000/year to print in-house
    - If we print 450/week at St. MM, would be ~\$9,000
  - b. To do:
    - Collect email addresses (QR code, cut-out form, link on website)
    - Advertise in bulletin and at Masses that we are looking for sponsors and for a team to design bulletin – Christina to write announcement
    - Set timeline – aim to put out first bulletin in July
2. Youth Ministry discussion & updates
  - a. Interim director for YM for the Diocese: Rachel Macnamarra
  - b. Next step: Hire part time parish youth minister with support from Diocese
    - Come up with role descriptor, salary, scale, and some priorities for accompaniment of young people in our parish
  - c. As a parish, we need to increase the prevalence of priority for young people
3. Bible Study Group
  - a. Starts first Thursday after Ash Wednesday, every Thursday evening
4. Lenten Retreat
  - a. March 2-5 by Fr. David Rylander
  - b. Invite high school teachers
5. Attendance
  - a. Count parishioners at weekend Masses
6. Donation box
  - a. Parish should have a place for people to put donations if they visit during the week or for special events

**Next meeting:** April 18, 2024 at 7:00 PM