

## St. Margaret Mary Pastoral Council Meeting

Date: October 26, 2023

Attendance: Fr. Adam, Deacon René, Bruce Coughlan, Rose Del Grosso, Kim Drotar, Sarah Mandarano, Edna Moreno, Mario Salvatore, Marilyn Sturtevant

1. Website updates
  - a. Email Sarah for photos to be uploaded to website (parish events, Fr. Adam)
2. Meeting minutes
  - a. Sarah send to Bruce, Dcn. René, and Fr. Adam for approval, then will be forwarded to rest of Parish Council and posted on bulletin board
3. Printing our own bulletins
  - a. KofC could gather advertisements
  - b. Need someone who can do layout
  - c. Invite Ilaria to next meeting
4. Advent and Christmas
  - a. All-day confessions
    - i. Thursday, December 14, 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM
    - ii. Post which priest is there for which block (2 hours at a time)
  - b. Christmas Masses
    - i. Christmas Eve: 5 PM, Midnight
    - ii. Christmas Day: 9 AM, 11 AM
    - iii. Tues, Dec 26 (Second Day of Christmas – Feast of St. Stephen): 11 AM
  - c. Schools
    - i. Each class prays for and makes a spiritual bouquet for someone in need, goes with gift bags given to the person
    - ii. Confessions in place of usual school Masses (December 19-21)
  - d. Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (January 1)
    - i. No anticipatory Mass (Dec 31 evening)
    - ii. Jan 1: 9 AM, 11 AM
5. Youth Ministry – Pushed to next meeting
6. Other business
  - a. How is attendance at our parish affected by the opening of St. Catherine of Siena?
    - i. Ushers to take attendance at Masses
  - b. Ministers of hospitality at 5 PM Mass
    - i. Noise level too high in narthex before Mass; hard to hear confessions
    - ii. Ushers to encourage quiet in narthex before Mass

**Next meeting:** Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 6:30 PM