



STELLA MARIS PARISH

OUR LADY "STAR OF THE SEA"™

Our Mission: "Stella Maris Catholic Parish prayerfully unites people in the love of Jesus guided by our patron, Mary."

Our Vision: We invite all to journey as disciples. By sharing the Gospel, responding to Jesus' love and the gifts God has given us, we welcome all to grow in faith and in our parish life.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES DECEMBER 4, 2018

- **Present at this Pastoral Council meeting** – Father Dave, Tom Placek, Pete Passuntino, Al Moser, Pat Gureski, Paul Liss, Mark Kunstman, Kevin Revolinski, Michelle Piatek, Jeanne Rabel, Ann Rose, Mary Gomoll
- **Opening Reflection** – Taken from the "Disciples On The Way – Follow Jesus" Diocesan Formation Seminar we attended in autumn
- Al motioned to approve the **August 28, 2018 minutes**, Jeanne seconded the motion, all approved.
- **Kevin Revolinski introduced** – Kevin will be working to oversee the parish facilities, administration, and technology. His first priority is to update and modernize the parish website. The Finance Council approved the funds to move our website to LPI, who also does our bulletins. One perk is that we'll eventually have an app that gives the parish the option to communicate with parish members via the app. Kevin also will help answer questions that normally came to Father Dave. Churches are being thoroughly cleaned this winter, one site at a time. Kevin is willing to involve himself in committees to help where necessary.
- **Alpha Program Report** – Mark Kunstman stated that 43 parish members have attended the parish Alpha programs thus far. Some people were blown away by Alpha, most enjoyed it, and only a few didn't care for it. There will be a new session offered sometime after Easter. Potlucks will be held one Wednesday each month during Jan., Feb., and March to offer participants the opportunity to continue to grow in faith.
- **Pastor's Report** – Father Dave reported that he's still not sure where he'll be going after he leaves Stella Maris on June 30th, but we will be getting a new

pastor. The roof replacement has been completed in Baileys Harbor. The electricity is fixed in the Sister Bay kitchen area.

- **Diocesan Discipleship Seminar Follow-up** – Most attendees felt it was a good seminar. Some reflections included:
How do we help people make/accept the cultural changes in the Church?
What can we do to make people feel as if they don't want to miss church?
How can we breathe fresh life into our parish?
- **Suggested Areas of Focus for Pastoral Council** –
 - Timely and accurate **communication** is key! (Website which is edited daily; download app, when it becomes available; face to face interactions when possible; bulletin)
 - It should be a priority for the Pastoral Council to **lead the parish**. We need to feel empowered to make a difference. Listen to others and share info so it can be put on the parish website.
 - **CSR** – Encourage participation in one or more of the service groups.
 - **Alpha** – Encourage friends to attend upcoming Alpha sessions.
 - Start up a **quarterly newsletter** again?
 - **Research** what other successful parishes are doing and what our issues are here at Stella Maris.
- **Buildings and Grounds** – Garey Bies has been working on forming a committee to help with the parish buildings and grounds. We **need a chairperson** for this committee!
- **Transition to New Pastor** – The announcement of our next pastor will be made in March. **Each commission and committee is asked to put together brief history of your group and an explanation of what they do. Get this info to Sharon Brabson ASAP!**
- **Interfaith Prosperity Coalition Update and St. Francis Pledge** – Wayne Kudick spoke about getting to those who need help; offering preventive help; changing laws & rules within the system; the focus on housing for those who want to work & live in Door County, but can't find or afford a place to live up here. CSR was asked for funds to help raise public awareness of the need for affordable housing in northern Door County. Wayne also explained the St. Francis Pledge to care for creation and the poor, which Paul and Father signed.
- **Closing Prayer** – A Disciple's Prayer from the Diocesan Seminar

NEXT MEETING – Pastoral Council Meeting/Retreat on Tuesday, January 22nd at Bjorklunden.