

## ST. MARY'S EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS COMMITTEE MINUTES

- A. Called to order by Sara Nosbush in the St. Mary's Parish Meeting Room at 5:35 p.m. on Tues., April 8, 2025.
1. Prayer...Fr. Craig Timmerman
  2. Roll call ~ Present: Sara Nosbush, Emily Krzmarzick, Jamie Pietig, George Schwint, Peter Roufs, Shelley Roufs, Fr. Craig Timmerman, Fr. Nathan Hansen  
Absent: Dan Braulick, Victor Martinez, Jenny Miller, Matt Grausam      Guests: Ben & Mary Moritz
  3. March minutes were approved
  4. April agenda was approved with one addition to the Action/Discussion Items: 4. Daycare
- B. ENRICHMENT ~ none
- C. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS
1. Approval of Calendar...Peter presented the 2025-26 school calendar for approval. Motion carried.
  2. Staffing Update-library, etc....Peter reported that the Elementary library position is filled. Deanna Schwint has accepted and will start August 2025. She will fill her time there, as well as keyboarding teacher, paraprofessional when needed and website updates for Development. The letters of intent have gone out and we heard from all but two that they are returning (two letters of intent are not yet in);
  3. E & C Membership...Sara's position will be open and will need to be filled this coming August. Emily has accepted a second term. (George Schwint will stay on and vote unless there is a conflict of interest with the item.) Let Peter know about any potential committee member to fill the opening.
  4. Daycare...a proposal came forward to add a daycare for staff children. St. Mary's School would (in cooperation with a daycare provider) provide a supplement income of \$15,000.00 along with the parents regular hourly cost. It would be open during school days...no summer, and would care for children ages 1-5...with the limit of 8 total. There is a donor that would possibly help with the funding of such a position. The proposal would be made available (for the search) for any that would be interested in the community. Another idea for a venue...Divine Providence Community Home...if they had extra space somewhere? It would be great to have interaction with the young & old when time permits.
- D. STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS
1. School~ Mr. Roufs reported on the non-public aide controversy, and the testimony that Mr. Cselovszki, SEPS Superintendent, gave at the Capitol. (The Governor's proposal would affect aid-transportation, counseling, nursing, professional development, and textbook materials.) Please contact your legislators; The seniors came back from their class trip (April 2nd-5th)-all enjoyed their time away. They also attended a class retreat the day before they left at MSU-Mankato's Newman Center.; The virtue of the month for April is Justice; Middle School Robotics Club has had its last session for the year. Its focus was on building a skill set, with the hopes of next year moving onto the competition stage, competing with other schools. (A grant was received to help fund the materials needed for this stage.); Registration is taking place at this time for the 2025-26 school year. A parent meeting was also held for those families with children in grades 8-11. Topics covered included an overview of the academic and career opportunities available at St. Mary's, along with a scholarship that is available for CLEP tests.; Easter break will be April 17th-21st.; Inquiries about St. Mary's School have been happening lately. An 8th grader has started as of 4th quarter, and other area families have come forward to tour the school. Pre-K numbers also look good for 2025-26. Family registration for 2025-26 is moving nicely to being done online.
  2. Religious Education~ Shelley reported that students were able to attend the Stations of the Cross and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent.; The final First Communion parent meeting was held, and 32 children will be making their First Communion on May 4th.; The last religious education class for the year will be May 7th.
  3. Pastor/Superintendent~Fr. Timmerman was asked if first communicants could walk up the aisle at the beginning of Mass, and also be able to receive the Precious Blood. (This year we will just go forward with offering the Precious Blood, and not processing into Church.); Confirmation went well. The readings were done by others for the Confirmation Mass so the confirmands could focus on the sacrament and not have to worry about a reading...per Bishop Levoir's request, as he was presiding over the Mass. It was also noted that the receiving of the Precious Blood is decided by individual parishes...per Bishop Zielinski.
  4. Financial~none
- E. FUTURE AGENDA
1. MEETING DATE: Monday, May 12, 2025, 7:00 p.m. St. Mary's Church Parish Meeting Room
- F. PRAYER & ADJOURNMENT~ 6:36 PM      Respectfully submitted, Marti Schroepfer