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Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 25, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.

1. Opening Prayer

2. Pastor Report

- We will be holding a Ministry Fair to represent all of the parish groups. This will take place after all 5 weekend Masses. Stay tuned for a confirmation of the date and further direction for ministry reps, including set up/during/follow up checklists.
- During Lent, we will be offering a 6pm Mass on Wednesdays before Holy Hour and Confessions. We will be holding Stations of the Cross at 7pm, after the weekly Friday Fish Fry.
- We will be organizing an Easter Egg hunt on Easter Sunday. We will need assistance for this event and can hopefully include 7th/8th graders for service hours. More details to follow.
- First Communion will take place on May 4 at the 4pm Mass, and Confirmation will take place on May 11 at the 4pm Mass.
- The Bishop will be here on June 16 @ 10:30 Mass for the celebration of the anniversary of the 1st Mass held in our church.
- Possibly offering the services of the Shred-It company truck for parishioners to take advantage of sometime in the spring.

3. Chairperson Report

- Eucharistic Revival - we will postpone the video series until fall, 2024. Check out the save the date for the local Eucharistic Revival activities June 28-30.
- Other upcoming Social Events - Memorial Day Hot Dog and Lemonade stand on May 27 and the Father Daughter Dance will be September 14.

4. Standing Member Reports

Bethany Cook - See Attached Report

around the Kris Jesse - Thank you to everyone who helped with activities and decorations Christmas season.

and get Rebecca Lund - Please remember to reserve any room/space that you will need bulletin announcements in, when planning upcoming events.

Sr. Mary Regina

- The March for Life trip was a success with 24 8th graders, who were able to visit Gettysburg, Emmitsburg, many sights in Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia, in addition to attending the March with many other students from the Diocese of Columbus and Bp. Fernandes. Thanks to Knights of Columbus donations to the trip.



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- Catholic School Week is coming up and will be celebrating different groups each day, beginning with the weekend, during which there will be a focus on thanking the parishioners with student-made thank you notes and cookies after all five Masses. There will be a prospective parent information night on Thursday from 5-7pm. Another highlight will be the annual Friday volleyball game, teachers versus the 8th grade students.

5. Appointed Member Reports

Scouts plan on attending Mass on February 4 at 8:30. They will process in, sit together in reserved pews, do the ushering, bringing up the gifts, and hopefully fill altar server positions. They will serve after all of the Masses for friendship Sunday that day as well.

Festival - Many plans are already underway for the 2024 Festival. They have signed with some bands and sound company, and they are working on negotiating better contract with the rides company.

Knights of Columbus The annual bourbon trip was successful. They are in the midst of the Hoagies for Heaven sub sale and working with trivia night to provide food for that event this year. They are looking to plan another diapers/wipes drive during Lent. They have noticed that there is a need for some clean up near the grotto, including inscribed bricks which may need to be replaced and an irrigation problem that needs to be fixed. They offered to assist with these efforts, including financial assistance. They are donating money up at Resurrection for the Garden of the Innocents renovation project. Knights are looking to sponsor many more parish breakfast opportunities.

Adoration Hourly sign-ups are going well, and they keep getting new people. Even though they have 515 people on the Adoration list, only about half of those show up for Adoration. They are grateful that there has been an easier time communicating any issues, such as power outages or weather cancellation concerns. They would like to get more people to help manage the organization of the communication, always looking for new people to sign up and help out.

St. Vincent de Paul did 7 home visits, paid 11k in rent in January. The pantry has been busy on Wednesdays and Fridays. They would greatly appreciate having cell service in the pantry to assist with improving communication. They are updating the brochures to have available for the



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front desk at the parish office, and to add to the literature rack. They are trying to increase visibility among parishioners so maybe would like to have something on bulletin board or on tv in Marian Hall, in weekly Flocknotes, etc., Fr. Mike suggested having a 5th Sunday of the month 2nd collection with proceeds going to St. Vincent de Paul. Currently those who receive Mass donation envelopes only get 6 St. Vincent de Paul envelopes to use throughout the year, so may increase that to 12 times per year, so people who would like to can use those monthly.

Men's Faith and Fellowship The Men's Conference at the Ohio State Fairgrounds is Saturday, February 24. The Exodus 90 program is going well with about 13 guys participating in the weekly sessions.

Athletic Association: See Attached Report

6. Closing Prayer

Next Meeting:
Thursday, February 22, 2024 @ 7pm



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Safe Environment Update

I will be starting my yearly Audit the first week of February. I need the name and email address for the supervisors for each program. These are the names that I have for the following programs. I will be emailing each person in the next week or so to ask for the names of each adult involved in the program and how many students there are. Please let me know if there are any changes:

Boy Scouts: Robert Fann

Cub Scouts: Kim Pardi

Girl Scouts: ?

PSR: Jake Asuncion

Middle School Youth Group: Jake Asuncion

High School Youth Group: Jake Asuncion

Athletics: Liz Trolli

I have email addresses for Jake and Liz but need email for all other groups. I apologize in advance for the poking and prodding of these programs, but it is for the safety and well-being of all involved. Also, there is a new implementation in the Safe Environment Program across the entire Diocese. I have attached an explanation of the new program to this email. There is a lot of information so I'm happy to answer any questions about it; bcook@saintmichael-cd.org.

From the Diocesan Office of Safe Environment:

Effective January 3, 2024, the Diocese of Columbus will be working with Selection.com/ Fastrax to improve our background report process.

New Employees

- New employees are still required to be fingerprinted for background reports.
- In addition, when they register to attend a Protecting God's Children (PGC) session, they will be automatically directed to create an account with Fastrax. This report will cost \$ 25.00.

Individuals will be responsible for paying this charge.

- Once the accounts in Fastrax is established, the Safe Environment Office will receive quarterly updates on the individuals. Only the personnel in the Safe Environment Office and the Director of the Diocesan HR Office will see the personal information (date of birth, Social Security number, e.g.) in Fastrax.

School Employees

- All school personnel, teachers and those in non-teaching positions, will also continue to obtain updated FBI and/or BCI reports as required by the Ohio Department of Education and state law.



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- We will later enroll all school personnel, teachers, and those in non-teaching positions into Fastrax.

Parish Employees and Volunteers

- For current employees and volunteers, we are working with VIRTUS to synchronize active VIRTUS accounts with Fastrax.
- In order to do this, we need to review the VIRTUS database to be sure we are only syncing active accounts.

Updating VIRTUS Accounts

We made the initial review in November 2023. We inactivated all accounts for people who were not fully compliant with Diocesan policies. For example, if a person did not have a background report, we inactivated that account.

We are in the process of having VIRTUS conduct a second round of in-activations for us. Once that is completed, the next step will be for the local safe environment coordinators to review their VIRTUS master reports, and determine who is currently active. If a person has not worked or volunteered at a location during the last 18 months, that person should not be considered “active” at that location.

In January and February 2024, the Safe Environment Office will be sending out the current master reports to all locations. Please have your local coordinators review them, and let the Safe Environment Office know which accounts, if any, accounts should be inactivated.

Office of Safe Environment

This process should also help your locations in preparing for the annual local safe environment data gathering report. You will have a current list of employees and volunteers to submit with your reports.

If you have any questions, please contact the Safe Environment Office at (614) 241-2568.



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Athletic Association Update:

Hello St. Michael Families,

We, the St. Michael Athletic Association (SMAA), wish you a wonderful New Year. We wanted to send an update on what is happening with the SMAA, upcoming sports registrations, and opportunities for you to get involved!

We wrapped up the Fall with successful Soccer, Football, Cheer, Cross Country, Golf, and Volleyball seasons. We had over 260 kids participate, and it was great to see them in action. Currently, we are in the middle of basketball and cheer season for our 4th through 8th-grade athletes and are looking to finish strong as a program.

The SMAA also worked on our fellowship off the field, hosting the annual Tom Kalinoski Memorial Golf Outing and the Euchre Tournament & Chili Night. We want to thank all the participants at these events and look forward to seeing you at Trivia Night on Friday, 2/10/24.

One of the biggest updates is with the Columbus Diocese Recreation Athletics (DRA). They have worked hard over the last year on several changes and improvements, and those are listed below.

DRA was rebranded, and diocese sports are now part of the CYO (Catholic Youth Organization). The CYO program is reviewing its bylaws and operating procedures to work on improvement to make the CYO experience better.

Long-time DRA Athletic Director - Marty Raines retired after the fall sports season. She onboarded and trained her replacement, Ryan Aiello, and many existing DRA board members are still in place.

Athletic directors from all parishes have been surveyed, and the CYO program is partnering with them to continue improving the sports programming.

One of the most significant changes will be that the CYO program is moving to 100% digital forms and a central registration process to help make your lives easier with only one registration system, which will feed into the team building, communication, and scheduling system. We successfully used this new registration portal for our Winter Sports.

Upcoming Sports Registrations

Our Spring Sports registrations are open!! Register here:

<https://doodlio.com/#/reg/10230/385>



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Below is the information about the sports, including the fee and the coordinator's contact information.

SMAA SPRING SPORTS:

Baseball: 4-8th grade Boys | \$115 fee

o Contact: Tony DeAscentis | tony5d@hotmail.com

Softball: 4-8th grade Girls | \$115 fee

o Contact: Amy Siles | amelia.siles@osumc.edu

Track: 4-8th grade Boys and Girls | \$65 fee

o Contact: Track Coaches | smswarriorstrack@gmail.com

K-3 Soccer: Boys and Girls | \$60 fee | Uniform \$15 (if needed)

o Contact: Austin Mitchell | austin.mitchell3@gmail.com

Lacrosse Opportunities outside of SMAA *additional information below*

o 7th and 8th Grade Girls and Boys: If you have questions about the sport or registration- please get in touch with Chad Wilson at 614-716-9340 or cewcbus@gmail.com

o K-6th Grade Lacrosse Boys and Girls: We have been informed that WYB would accept any St. Michael student to learn the game while in kindergarten through 6th grade. If you have questions about the sport or registration- please get in touch with Chad

Wilson at 614-716-9340 or cewcbus@gmail.com

Girls: <https://wybsports.org/girls-lacrosse>

Boys: <https://wybsports.org/lacrosse>

Parent Opportunities

Openings-

Track Coaches- We are looking for Track coaches for our upcoming season. No prior track experience is needed. Coaching commitments are limited to two practices each week starting in early March and five Saturday meets beginning in late March/April and ending the first week of May. We will also need assistant coaches to help throughout the season.

SMAA Assistant Director- assist with the coordination of the SMAA

Social Chair- coordinate and partner with volunteers for the SMAA fellowship events

Please get in touch with the sports coordinator or me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you!

Liz Trolli

smaa@saintmichael-cd.org



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additional information regarding Lacrosse Opportunities

St. Michael SMS Lacrosse Program

Registration is underway for SMS K-8 th girls and boys to play lacrosse. Please see below for the programs.

If you have any questions, contact Chad Wilson, SMS Lacrosse Commissioner, at cewcbus@gmail.com or 614-716-9340.

K-6 th WYB Program: We have been informed that Worthington Youth Boosters will accept St. Michael students to learn the game while in kindergarten through 6 th grade.

Girls: <https://wybsports.org/girls-lacrosse>

Boys: <https://wybsports.org/lacrosse>

7th and 8th Grade Boys Columbus Saints Lacrosse Team:

My name is Nick Melaragno, and I am the Head Coach. A bit about myself: I am 26 years old, and this is my 4th year as the Columbus Saints head coach. I graduated from Ohio State University from their Construction Management program and am currently working for a construction company in Columbus. I played high school lacrosse at Bishop Watterson High School, where I was a 4-year starter and a captain in my senior year. While at Watterson, I played defense and was a 1st team all Ohio twice. I was the defensive player of the year in Ohio during my senior year. After Watterson, I played two years of college lacrosse at Mount Saint Mary's University. After those two years, I returned to the beautiful state of Ohio, where I attended The Ohio State University. I played lacrosse for three years on Ohio State's top club team. After college, I helped out coaching at Watterson on the defensive side and became the head coach of the Columbus Saints. Our assistant coach is Liam Sullivan, who has been with us for two years. Liam is 27 years old and graduated from West Virginia University; he works for Sazerac

Company as a Sales Manager. Liam played high school lacrosse at St. Charles, where he was also a 4-year starter and captain in his senior year. After high school, Liam played on West Virginia University's top club lacrosse team for four years. He then became the defensive coordinator at St. Charles for two years. The 2024 season information is below, but if you have any questions not answered by the information below, please get in touch with us at columbussaints@gmail.com.

Season Overview

- Season is February 26 through May 12 (State tourney May 11, 12)
- Team dues: \$400

Practice

- Monday – Friday starting Feb 26
- 5:00 – 6:30 PM until Daylight savings (March 11)



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Optional practice the week of spring break for those still in town

- 5:30 – 7:00 starting March 18
- Will be off for spring break: March 11 - March 17
- Practice Field: Antrim Park - west field. The field is on the right when you turn into Antrim Park
- Address: 5800 Olentangy River Rd, Columbus, OH 43085

Games

- Played on Monday, Wednesday, or Saturday (1 or 2 deviations)
- Schedule will be 8-15 games, plus the tournament
- End of season tournament: May 11, 12
- Schedule will be posted to our website once available

Administrative items - Registration: Deadline is Feb 16, 2024

- Electronic this year through Google forms – you will need a Google account to complete the form

• <https://www.columbussaintslacrosse.com/registration.html>

Team Website: <https://www.columbussaintslacrosse.com/>

- Calendar: <https://www.columbussaintslacrosse.com/calendar.html>
- Schedule: <https://www.columbussaintslacrosse.com/schedule-and-results.html>
- Registration: <https://www.columbussaintslacrosse.com/registration.html>
- Questions: Saints Lacrosse columbussaints@gmail.com

- Game shorts and sweatshirts included in dues and can be kept by players
- Players are responsible for all other necessary equipment:
- Helmets, gloves, elbow pads, shoulder pads, cleats, sticks, mouthpieces, etc.
- Our team helmets are matte black (if you don't have black or matte black, that is fine) – any certified brand is acceptable
- **New regulations regarding shoulder pads - must be NOCSAE compliant**

• Note: Registration is not fully complete until we have received team dues (\$400), waivers, and US Lacrosse Membership (see below)

- You can email signed waivers to me (columbussaints@gmail.com) or upload them on the registration page

US Lacrosse Membership – www.uslacrosse.org

- Youth membership for each player is required
- Fees are \$30 per year
- Provide your US Lacrosse number with registration. US Lacrosse membership expiration must be after May 12, 2024.

Uniform & Equipment



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- Jerseys: provided (property of the team)
- Practice pennies: provided (property of team)

7th and 8th Grade Girls Columbus Saints Lacrosse Team:

My name is Brett Coleman, and I am one of the coaches for the Saints. This will be my 11th year coaching girl's lacrosse and 5th year with the Saints. My daughter played for the Saints and Watterson and now for OSU. I am dedicated to promoting the. The last six years have gone very well. Our team has been competitive, and the girls have had a lot of fun while improving their skills. If you have any questions, you can email bcolema6@att.netcall or text Brett at 614-561-4813

We will also play in the Shamrock Invitational at Dublin Coffman High School on May 6th and 7th. To register, complete the attached form and your check for the team fees. Please complete these forms as soon as you can.

- Your daughter will also need to join US Lacrosse - here is a link to their site [Membership | US Lacrosse](#). The fee for youth membership is \$30. You will need the membership number for one of the forms I need to complete. This membership is needed to play on the team. Joining US Lacrosse is a requirement to play. It is a great deal for what it provides. Hopefully, it doesn't happen, but it includes insurance if your daughter was injured while playing.
- The fee for the season is \$240 per player. (The Saints is a club team, so your fees are used to pay coaches, field painting, uniforms, referee fees, supplies, etc.)

Please make checks payable to Brett Coleman
Brett Coleman
306 Charleston Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43214

- Checks will secure your daughter's spot on the team.