



St Michael Parish

Standard Committee Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2025

Upper Meeting Room

Present: Jake Asuncion, Susan Bakhshi, Martha Bogue, Father Dailey, Kelly DiSabato, Father Johnstone, Mike LaMorte, Elaine Miracle, Sister Mary Regina, Joe Soller and Scott Siemens

1. Opening Prayer

2. Approval of January Minutes

3. Pastor Report

- A Flocknote and the upcoming bulletin will catechize the parish on the traditions that take place when the Pope passes away.
- All Ash Wednesday collections will be given to the Bridgettine Sisters in the Holy Land.
- All Lent alms giving will be focused to St. Vincent DePaul, the Holy Family Soup Kitchen and St. Stephens.
- A survey for the religious education needs of the parish. It will stay active during Lent.
- The t-coil installation in the church will begin soon.

4. Chairperson Report

- Confraternity of Christian Mothers ministry will have its slow roll out during the Wednesday Stations of the Cross.
- Ministry Fair set up will be held on Saturday March 22 from 2pm – 3:30pm.

4. Standing Member Reports

- Women's Faith and Formation
 - Couples by Candlelight event on March 1st with Father Dailey as the speaker. 60 couples are registered. 60 women from St. Michael attended the Women's Conference. An evening bible study on Tuesday evenings began a few weeks ago. Pilgrimages to St. Joseph Cathedral and church in Somerset are being organized for March.
- Cub Scout
 - There will be a Hocking Hills hike on April 5th. 5 Cub Scouts are crossing over to Boy Scouts.
- Adoration
 - Overall, we continue to attract more new adorer signups with a current total of 587. More often than not, the new adorers immediately sign up for some type of commitment, thus helping the ministry with its goal of returning to pre-Covid levels of Eucharistic Exposition. I continue to be concerned about nighttime Adoration hours because Worthington safety today is much different than it was even 15 years ago.
 - On an hour-by-hour basis, we are currently focused on attracting 2 adorers per hour. If an hour has 2 adorers and one of them has a sudden personal or family issue which prevents them from showing up or forces them to arrive late or leave early during the



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hour, the prayer partner is still at the chapel to lend support, thus avoiding last-minute empty chapel issues, not to mention trying to find a sub with little or no notice. Anyone who has tried to manage ever-changing medical appointments in particular has felt the frustration of juggling ever-changing weekly calendar obligations for any number of reasons.

- Many adorers have stepped forward to help during recent winter weather issues, the most recent of which was having to repose at midnight this past Thursday night because we could not find last-minute coverage for the nighttime hours.
- The leadership team is making preparations to support the Parish Fair on March 22 and 23 by staffing a table in Marian Hall after all Masses and is searching for volunteers to help to make our role in the Parish Fair a success.
- During the winter season, we always have adorers who snow bird in the warmer Southern states, but all have promised to sign up for continuing commitments when they return in April.
- Although any commitment is appreciated by the leadership team, we do focus on as many weekly commitments as possible because adorers who sign up for more than one-time commitments make the weekly schedule so much easier to administer.
- Although the 40 Hours of Adoration in the church has parish-based signups, we are confident that many of our adorers will be in attendance again this year.
- Due to the recent retirement of Gail Maier, who coordinated the afternoon hours for many years, the leadership team now has only 3 members (Emily Mauro, Wayne Lovely & Greg Daniel), so we are always searching and praying for more hands to make for lighter work. Wayne now sends out the Eucharistic Exposition hours each Saturday in order to provide the maximum amount of time to find hourly coverage.
- **Knights of Columbus**
 - Fish Fry will be offering weekly specials this year including pancakes, ravioli and baked fish. Father Daniel will be speaking about St. Joseph at an event for the Knights on Founder's Day.
- **Boy Scouts**
 - Recently had training for new leadership. There are about 5 Cub Scouts crossing over.
- **St. Vincent DePaul**
 - Will be holding a personal hygiene drive during Lent benefitting J.O.I.N. A special thank you to St. Michael School for the food collection drive during Catholic Schools Week. In



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January, 41 calls were taken for rent and utilities help. That is double the amount of normal for an average month.

5. Appointed Member Report

- Sister Mary Regina
 - Last year's SGO raised \$137,000. That is an increase of \$20,000 from last year. School enrollment is looking strong for next year. The book fair and art show were successful well attended last week. Next week, the science fair with experiments will be held. The second graders made cards for nursing home residents for Valentine's Day.
- Jake Asuncion
 - Knights of the Altar are serving 10:30 a.m. Mass every Sunday. They meet twice a month on Thursdays for prayer and adoration. Power and Love retreat will be taking place this weekend at St. Peter. 100 participants are registered.

7. Closing Prayer/Adjournment at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Bakhshi, Secretary