

## **Parish Ministry Council Meeting**

Monday, September 16, 2024 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Present: Fr. Yesalonia, Louis Csabay, Simone Vinocour, Kevin McKeever, Maureen Fullam, Maria Fuentes, Emily Lowe, Karen Milton, Joan Schultz, and Jacques Torchon.

### **Opening Prayer**

Fr. Yesalonia led the opening prayer.

### **Review of May 13, 2024 Parish Ministry Council Meeting Minutes**

Fr. Yesalonia asked the council members to present any necessary changes to the draft minutes from the May 2024 Parish Ministry Council meeting. The minutes were approved and will be posted on the parish website.

### **Ministry Reports**

#### **Lay Ministers Enrichment – Jacques Torchon**

- There will not be an LME program this fall.
- The next program will be in Spring 2025. Possible presenters are being discussed.

#### **Hospitality – Jacques Torchon**

- Hospitality has one new member.
- 17 people indicated interest in joining the ministry during the Ministry Street Fair.

#### **New Parishioners Welcoming Committee – Lou Csabay**

- The Second Annual Parish Art Show was held from June 20 through June 22 in Wallace Hall. 73 artworks were on display during the three-day event, 44 of which were sold. The \$3,000 in net proceeds went to the parish.
- The Ministry Street Fair was held on September 8, Welcome Back Sunday. Approximately 40 individuals registered in the parish during the fair.
- Church tours will start being offered in October and will be led by John Mancuso and Ann Melanson. The New Parishioners Welcoming Committee will become docents.
- The New Parishioner Reception is scheduled for October 17.

#### **Ignatian Social Justice – Laura De Boisblanc (*via email*)**

- Jean Santopatre and six parishioners left for the group's third mission trip to the Cheyenne River Reservation on September 10. They will return tomorrow.
- A migrant family that ISJ has been accompanying since July 2023 has now moved to Trenton, New Jersey.
- Jim Skarzynski, a former corporate attorney, is serving as a pro bono immigration attorney for the accompanied migrant families.

- Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sarah Towle’s book launch of *Crossing the Line: Finding America in the Borderlands*.
- Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> – 2024 Caritas Concert: Mexamorphosis. Proceeds will be sent to fund the Del Camino Border Ministries in Texas.
- January 2025 – Third immersion trip to the Southern border.

#### **Family Ministry - Emily Lowe**

- Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> – Sandwich-Making Event to benefit the NY Common Pantry.
- Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> – Thankfulness program/service project for children.
- December 2024 – Wallace Hall Christmas Pageant.
- Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> – Festival Mass.
- Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> – Pizza and Bingo Fundraiser.

#### **RCIA – Maureen Fullam**

- There are currently 22 individuals enrolled in RCIA, many of whom have joined the program through referral or by simply Googling “Jesuit church”. Participants range in age from 24 to 75 years old, with 40% in their thirties.

#### **Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors – Maria Fuentes**

- Two long-time lectors, Jean Junker and Nancy Nealon Ellis, passed away in August. They will be greatly missed in the ministry, as well as the entire parish.
- 12 individuals signed up to become ministers from the Ministry Street Fair.

#### **Music Ministry – Kevin McKeever**

- The Music Ministry’s table at the Ministry Street Fair had many interested visitors.
- The 7:30 PM Mass on the last Sunday of each month has been designated as the monthly Jazz Mass.

#### **Interfaith Ministry – Simone Vinocour**

- The Mary Project’s final meeting was on May 19.
- Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> – The group will host a lecture prior to the Hagga Sofia Concert.
- Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> – Sikh Coalition will present Sikh 101.
- Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> – Annual Iftar Dinner. Attendance will be capped at 250 guests.
- 2025 - Muslim discussion series. Topic remains to be agreed upon.
- The ministry is looking into the creation of an interfaith choir.

#### **Circle of Friends - Karen Milton and Joan Schultz**

- Circle of Friends is a new ministry formed to provide people with an opportunity to meet in the afternoon and engage in fun, informative programs.

- Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> – “The Immigrant, Radical Notorious Women of Washington Square”. This inaugural event will feature Joyce Gold, historian and lecturer at The New School and New York University.
- Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> – “Adventures in Looking at Art”. This presentation will feature Mara Williams, Chief Curator Emerita of the Brattleboro Museum and Art Center in Vermont.
- Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> – Friendsgiving event.
- Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> – “Cookies and Carols” with Ricardo da Silva SJ, Associate Editor America Media.

### **Pastor’s Report**

The Pastor shared the following comments:

- Fr. Yesalonia shared some of the Implementation Plan initiatives that would begin to roll out, such as the offering of Church tours, penance services during Advent and Lent, and a monthly Jazz Mass.
- The Grammar School has 538 students registered for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Ministry heads and their respective members are encouraged to gain a deeper appreciation for prayer and Ignatian Spirituality through participation in Meeting Christ in Prayer.
- Jean Junker, an active and longtime member of St. Ignatius Loyola, passed away in August. In honor of Jean and her service to the parish, the Jean Junker Service in Ministry Award has been created. The medal with her likeness will be bestowed upon a deserving parishioner at the yearly Parish Ministries Appreciation Dinner.
- Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Commissioning Weekend. This year’s pins were designed with a leaf motif in honor of the new Laudato Si – Care of Creation Ministry.
- Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> – Snowball Dance. This popular parish event will once again be chaired by the Lucarellis.
- Spring 2025 – Back to Basics 3.0 lecture series. The topics for each lecture are still being discussed.
- November 2025 – Jubilee Journey to Rome. In celebration of the 2025 Jubilee Year, Fr. Hilbert will be leading a 10-day pilgrimage to Rome for a maximum of 30 participants. The trip will cost approximately \$7,200 per person, not including airfare. Brochures will be available in the Church and on the parish website.

### **Closing Prayer**

Father offered the closing prayer at 8:30 pm.