

**Ss. Maria and Isidore Torribia Planning Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, May 29, 2019 – 6:30 pm  
St. Joseph's, Campbell

Members Present: Fr. Pat Connor, Deacon Doug Farwell, Peter Olausson, Anna Bauer, Kathy Bailey, Theresa White, Roger Parulski, Mark Houck, Greg Cacace, Arthur Jones,

Members Absent: Kevin Krebs, Suzanne Krebs, Nicolette Butler, Joseph Crance

Others Present: Karen Rinefierd – Resource, Planning Consultant for Diocese of Rochester

I. Welcome / Introductions / Organization

- Opening Prayer – Father Pat led an opening prayer.
- Kathy Bailey recorded minutes.
- Setting of the agenda / Guidance from Karen on looking at mass schedules and scenarios. Reminder to keep focus on need, not preference.

II. Mass Schedules / Scenarios / Discussion

- As we began the process of looking at mass schedules, there was some question of what is the financial support from each site. Can we get a breakdown of giving by worship site? Is this information pertinent? Where are the appeal donations coming in from? We need to stay financially viable or all is in vain. Where is the financial support coming from?
  - Response: We are all in this together (all three worship sites). Per Peter: We haven't tracked info in this way, nor do we currently have the manpower to do this.
- Capacity of churches (as reported on attendance numbers document) seems like it is not accurate. St. Stan's seats more than reported. Could data be old from before the additional pews were added? It was suggested that an action item be to have each church's seating measured using the standard 22" per person guidelines. Fire Code numbers are not the same as seating capacity numbers. Capacity may be an issue if masses are changed.
- Looking at attendance losses / improvements since the schedules changed last, do the numbers support having four masses and at their current locations?
- We are trying to predict migratory patterns and/or preferences which is always a risk.
- People have settled in to the new schedules. If we change the schedule, people may leave and destabilize the attendance numbers that we do have.
- What are the "best" mass times in the current schedule? Should we not keep these at the same worship site? The "best" mass times may be different based on the site. One worship site's perspective may be different than another.
- Seasonal changes in the mass schedule are too confusing for parishioners and visitors. Consistency may be best.
- Concern for safety of travel for our clergy.
- There currently does not seem to be enough time on Saturday night for the clergy to travel from Campbell to Addison. Often parishioners are waiting for them to arrive and mass is delayed. This could prompt a loss of attendance.

- The 4:00 pm mass at St. Joe’s has held steady on their attendance numbers since before the changes. The 11:00 am mass at St. Stan’s has increased attendance slightly. These masses seem to be favorably viewed based on parishioner input.
- Consideration to the “active parishioner” numbers should be made.
- We want to also be sensitive to the worship needs/preferences for our seasonal visiting parishioners, while balancing the needs/preferences of our year-round parishioners.
- The committee reviewed and debated over sixteen different scenarios / suggested schedules. Much debate /discussion was held on each suggestion.
  - Task: -Choose three scenarios to present to the Parish Council.
  - Offer parishioners the opportunity to submit advantages/disadvantages of each scenario to the Parish Council.
  - Parish Council will review information and make a decision on the schedule.

Scenarios Chosen to Present to Parish Council		
Scenario	Pros	Cons
#1 Current Schedule: Saturday 4:00 pm @ St. Joe’s Saturday 5:30 pm @ St. Catherine’s Sunday 9:00 am @ St. Catherine’s Sunday 11:00 am @ St. Stan’s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No change</li> <li>• Already established habits</li> <li>• Attendance numbers at mass are maintaining at St. Stan’s / St. Joe’s for these masses</li> <li>• Feedback supports the favor of this schedule</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. Catherine’s competes with All-Saints for attendance at the 9:00 am mass.</li> <li>• 9:00 am is difficult in the winter for our older population.</li> <li>• Not enough time to travel safely between sites on Saturday or visit with parishioners.</li> </ul>
#1A: Saturday 4:00 pm @ St. Joe’s Saturday 6:00 pm @ St. Catherine’s Sunday 9:00 am @ St. Catherine’s Sunday 11:00 am @ St. Stan’s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not a large-scale change</li> <li>• Allows time to travel safely and visit with parishioners</li> <li>• Eliminates the current wait for Father Pat and Deacon Doug to get to St. Catherine’s worship site.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. Catherine’s still competes with All-Saints for attendance at the 9:00 am mass.</li> <li>• 9:00 am is still hard in the winter for our older population.</li> <li>• 6:00 pm may also be difficult in the winter due to darkness.</li> </ul>
#10: Saturday 4:00 pm @ St. Joe’s Saturday 6:00 pm @ St. Catherine’s Sunday 9:00 am @ St. Joe’s Sunday 11:00 am @ St. Stan’s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moves the 2<sup>nd</sup> mass to a central geographic location.</li> <li>• Allows safe travel time.</li> <li>• Allows for visiting time for Deacon and Priest.</li> <li>• Previously high attendance at this time for St. Joe’s.</li> <li>• Removed the Conflict with All Saints.</li> <li>• Advantage to St. Joe’s CCD</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May lose parishioners and/or not get attendance up.</li> <li>• Could potentially draw attendance from the St. Joe’s Saturday mass.</li> <li>• Most-attended mass at St. Catherine’s is removed.</li> <li>• People hate change.</li> </ul>

- The committee reviewed the bulletin insert draft and made revisions as needed.

#### IV. Goals / Action Steps

- The Committee reviewed updates / progress since our last meeting.
- We will need to look closer at these at the next meeting and adjust deadlines.
- **Action item:** Theresa will put together a Call for Volunteers insert for the bulletin to kickstart the process for many of the action steps.

#### V. Next Meeting

- Next Planning Committee meeting will be Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 6:30 pm at St. Joe's.

#### VI. Closing

- Closing Prayer led by Deacon Doug
- Meeting closed at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Bailey