

St. Katharine Drexel Parish Annual Meeting  
Sunday, November 27, 2016  
After 10:30 AM Mass  
St. Mary Church

1. Opening Prayer

2. Reports: (2-5 Minutes Each)

A. Catholic Formation/Youth Ministry	Jason Beilfuss
B. Finance Council	John Johnson
C. Buildings & Grounds	Fr. Jerry Pastors
D. Worship Committee	Donna VandenHeuvel
E. Pastoral Council	Ed VanDehy
F. Social Concerns	Barb Kunth
G. KCSS	Fr. Jerry Pastors
H. Stewardship Committee	Janice Welhouse

3. Questions

4. Drawing for Scrip

5. Closing Prayer

**Catholic Formation/Youth Ministry** is serving the faith development needs of 131 families with 262 children.

**In 2015/2016 we:**

- We have had a lot of changes this year.
- Have a new DRE.
- Added one new member to our Catholic Formation team.
- We moved the Faith Formation Center and Youth Room from St. Aloysius Site to St. Mary's Site.
- Construction was completed on the new Faith Formation Center and it was dedicated November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- Prepared 32 young people to celebrate their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.
- Guided 16 young people to the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- Enlisted and prepared 21 catechists to lead our children in formation sessions and to grow in their own faith.
- Created and led 21 scheduled formation sessions for our children in grades 1-8.

- Provided high school youth in our formation program with over 30 hours of learning, service and retreat sessions. Moved to Sunday nights and added an evening mass for them as well as providing a meal.
- Created a Core team of leaders for both high school and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> sessions.
- Continued to offer scheduled adult formation activities for the parents of our children.
- Offered children and families numerous the opportunities to participate in service opportunities to the parish, in Kaukauna and across the United States. 2016 marked our 11<sup>th</sup> year of Young Neighbors in Action and 5th year of Just5days mission experiences.
- We had our first group of 4 students participate in the diocese March for Life in Washington D.C.
- We held our first Vacation Bible School in July that brought 73 children and 40 volunteers together for one week of fun & faith activities.
- We continue to partner with our parish Elizabeth Ministry team to reach out to parents who have had their children baptized in our parish, encouraging their continued participation and offering assistance in the faith development of their families.
- Throughout the year we led 1 diocesan wide VIRTUS training programs on Sexual Abuse, and participated in various diocesan and regional faith formation and educational committees.

#### **The future:**

- We continue to evaluate our offerings in light of the faith development needs of our community.
- Coordinating our offerings in light of the future use of our parish buildings.
- January 2017 we will have twice the amount of youth headed to Washington D.C. to participate in the annual March for Life than we did last year.
- We will offer our third year of Vacation Bible School in July, as well as our 12th Young Neighbors in Action trip.
- New this year, we will be hosting a Diocesan local Mission trip called Love Begins Here for High School Youth June 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will also be sending any middle scholars interested in going to the Middle School Love Begins Here either in Green Bay or Kiel.
- Develop new and exciting ways that we can apprentice young people into lives as adult Disciples of Christ.
- Reach out to our local community to bring others into our faith.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Verges

Director of Catholic Formation

Name of Committee: **Finance Committee**

Name of Person completing this form: John Johnson

1. What did you accomplish over this past year?

- In following the parish planning process, a recommendation was made to the Pastoral Council to close the St Al's site and put it up for sale
- Managed the process of demolition of the old buildings at the St Francis site
- Reviewed and approved going forward with replacing the roof at the St Francis site
- Reviewed options for faith formation new classrooms location, and approved remodeling the basement under the St Mary's church site for classrooms
- Reviewed and approved plans to expand and replace parking lot at the St Francis site

2. What are you looking at doing for this new year?

- Complete the sale of the St Al's site
- Approve and oversee the construction of new faith formation classrooms at the St. Mary's site
- Approve and oversee the construction of a new parking lot at the St. Francis site
- Develop plans for a new parking lot at the St. Mary's site

Normal maintenance and upkeep of the two sites continue to be the focus of the **Buildings and Grounds Committee**. As maintenance problems occur, we try to focus on the future needs of the parish and take action to meet those needs. Below are some of the highlights of the past year.

**What did we accomplish over this past year?**

**St. Mary's Site:**

Bingo has been moved from the Social Hall to the Cafeteria. The Social Hall has been renovated to provide classrooms for Faith Formation. The steps into church from Hendricks St. have been replaced. New railings were installed. There were some sewer problems in the Parish Office. The sewer line from the office basement to the street needed to be replaced. Some of the pews from St. Al's site were used to replace the chairs for the choir. The design of the chairs were not right for singing.

**St. Francis Site:**

The school and the convent were taken down and the area leveled. Drain tiles were installed/replaced and landscaping around the church was completed to provide proper drainage away from the building. Plans are to redo the entire parking area next year. A new roof was installed on the church. Gutters were added to some areas of the roof to improve water runoff. During landscaping, heavy rain caused the church basement to be flooded. Everything was

removed from the basement and the entire floor was redone including new drain tiles in the floor. Additional plumbing was also installed to prepare the site for future needs.

### **St. Al's Site:**

The site was officially decommissioned and approved for sale by the Diocese. Faith Formation has been moved to St. Mary's site. The entire site has been placed up for sale. We hope to have the sale completed by the end of the year.

### **What are you looking at doing for this new year?**

**July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017**

### **Future Projects:**

Complete the sale of St. Al's site. Most items have been removed but final cleanout will need to be done depending on the buyer. Our biggest focus this next year will be getting St. Francis and St. Mary's parking lots paved. With the sale of St. Al's we should have the funds available to do both sites. We are hoping on getting a better deal if we do both at the same time. Plans are already drawn up for St. Francis. St. Mary's site will be extended a little more towards 7<sup>th</sup> St. to provide some extra parking. **Thank you** for all that you do to advance the mission of St. Katherine Drexel Parish.

### Annual Report for Worship Committee

November 2016 for July 2015 thru June 2016

During the past year: Stations were celebrated at both churches during Lent on a rotating basis. CANA celebration was attended by 49 couples out of the 112 couples eligible. The Liturgical Ministry Morning of Renewal was hosted by Holy Cross in November of 2015. This arrangement of alternating locations on a yearly basis is working quite well. Christmas Cards were again delivered to residents of the senior living facilities and to the homebound. The Committee worked with Holy Cross in a combined Widows and Widowers Lunch in the Spring that was greatly enjoyed by those who chose to attend. Hopefully it will be repeated in 2017. Prayer Partners for Engaged Couples is ongoing with 21 parishioners or family units praying. The Committee Members continue to study church documents and spiritual writings as a way of increasing knowledge of our faith. Some new Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Servers have been trained but there is a shortage for all Masses at St. Mary's especially for Ministers of Hospitality. There is a much better response to Ministry from the folks who regularly worship at St. Francis than at St. Mary's. If you are not a minister at this time, please examine your life to see how you can make ministry fit. We try to schedule just one Mass a month, but some folks are serving much more often to fill the void.

For church year 2016-2017

There really isn't much change from year to year in the activity of the Committee. We look at the Rites, the environment, church music and ministers participation to discover/develop means or opportunities for greater participation/understanding/growth by the parish members.

Donna Vanden Heuvel  
Liturgy Coordinator/Committee Chair

## **Pastoral Council Annual Meeting Report 2016**

2015-2016 Some Good Progress

Based on the results of our Town Hall Meeting of June 11 , 2015, Your pastoral Council has worked on the three priorities set forth. They are:

- 1.) **Develop a shared Vision.** About a year ago, we started conversations concerning strategic planning for our parish. We all had visions for our parish, but not one shared vision. The result, our shared parish vision is “ To be the most engaged parish in the diocese.” Repeat . Repeat.
- 2.) **More carefully align our hospitality and welcoming functions.** We heard testimony from persons who don't feel part of this parish even after attending mass here for years. We referred to Divine Renovation, a timely work\_ by Father James Mallon. Along those lines, last fall we studied the possibility of offering valet parking for some of our worshippers here at St. Mary's Church. We were unable to move forward with the idea.
- 3.) **Clarify what parishioners can expect as well as what Christ expects of us and this parish.** This is the topic of stewardship. WE can all agree that it is complicated and deeply personal. We found that at this point, discussion of a covenant that spells out what we promise to do for our parish and what the parish promises to do for us is premature for the majority of our church goers. We also found that changing the conversation to the concept of “belonging” was much friendlier and beneficial.

More steps accomplished...

As a parish, we initiated “That Man Is You” this fall. This is adult Faith Formation for adult men. Jack Bielfuss has prayerfully assumed the leadership role. Join in, you will feel the Presence of Christ.

We also recognized how the charismatic renewal and prayer meetings are another powerful way for us to experience the Holy Spirit and deemed it a permanent part of our culture. Shirley Allen is especially blessed in this area. Join in you will feel the Spirit.

Additionally, we reviewed the Ministry Opportunity Catalog in light of the Year of Mercy. We audited how this parish offers opportunities in the Spiritual and Corporal works of Mercy.

We were able to link up with the Fox Valley Mission Group and Dave Klister. Join in, you will feel Jesus

We also have a budding Prison Ministry that Joyce Hansen is growing. Join her and feel the love.

## **For 2017**

For the upcoming year, we will again look to the priorities set out by our of 2015 townhall. The first being :

**Establish achievable goals for this parish in light of our vision** “to be the most engaged parish in the diocese.

One goal is to increase mass attendance by 9 more persons each month, every month. Another goal is to increase our charitable outreach in Kaukauna in a way that touches everyone in town. Third is to increase our material giving to \$54,000 per month.

The second: **To align hospitality and welcoming** to our vision of being the most engaged parish in the diocese.

The third: **To define what it means to belong to this parish** and in a larger sense, the Catholic Church. Understanding “belonging” will help us tremendously in reaching the three goal listed above.

We are also very involved in making our Parish fest more friendly to families and the community at large. There are huge questions to pray over.

Our parish also has members on the New Evangelization Network .This is a We meet regularly with The Diocesan Dept. of New Evangelization lead by Julianne Stanz. She understands where our bishop is leading us and will work hard to help us follow.

The council is looking for bright loving people with vision to help in our planning role. We take seriously our calling to joyfully bring the population of Kaukauna in intimate contact with our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Please keep the vision and mission of our parish in your daily prayers. Thank you.

Name of Committee: **Social Concerns**

**What did you accomplish over this past year?  
(July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016)**

Our Committee also has representatives from St. Paul Elder Services & Holy Cross. They do some collections with us and some on their own. We will only report on what St. Katharine Drexel Parish does. Our Mission Statement is “To unite faith and action for justice”  
August 2015- School Supply Collection for Head Start and KCSS. Warming Shelter- Oct. 20, 21, 23, 24 2015 – volunteers made and served the evening meal.  
Prayer shawls. Oct. 2015 committee made a basket of cleaning materials for Octoberfest at Holy Cross. Help with brown bag Sunday every month. Lenten Collection – Personal Care items for Homeless Connection and Warming Shelter.  
Mother’s Day Rose Sale for Wisconsin Pro Life.

**What are you looking at doing for this new year?  
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Habitat for Humanity Catholic Build summer 2016 volunteers made and served a lunch to workers. School Supplies Collection for Head Start and St. Ignatius School. Prayer shawls. Help with brown bag Sunday every month.  
Warming Shelter – Oct. 18, 19, 21 2016 – volunteers made and served evening meals. Will have a Lenten Collection in 2017. We are thinking of having a speaker series on poverty and the beatitudes sometime the end of 2017. Mother’s Day Rose sale in 2017  
Thank you for all that you do to continue the mission of Jesus.  
Barb Knuth will give the report

**Review of 2015 – 2016 KCSS (St. Ignatius Catholic School) school year:**

- Pre-3 to grade 8 regular student enrollment was 181; 6 new families in K-8
- Began the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the transition to Catholic Classical Curriculum by fully implementing classical curriculum materials (Memoria Press) in grades K through grade 4; the study of Latin extended to include grades 2, 3 & 4; Grades 5 – 8 began transitioning classical Literature selections and History resources to a classical curriculum; an entire classical Scope & Sequence curriculum draft for all grade levels was begun
- Living the Virtues continued to be emphasized to the students; students attended the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each week on Monday; daily Liturgy of the Hours prayer was held and led by grade 5 – 8 students and all-school Liturgy of the Hours was conducted before Christmas and Easter; classical methods & virtues began to be infused into all curriculum/subject areas in grades K-8
- Staff in-services were dedicated to learning & developing greater knowledge and teaching methods of CCC (staff members attended a Classical Education Conference in June, 2015)

- Building security/safety for Child Care students & staff was improved with a secure entry/lock system being installed
- Students continued to put their faith in action through community service projects including Food Drives for Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry, toys for the Christian Resale Store, raffle basket donations to HC Oktoberfest & SKD ParishFest and a fund drive for a family displaced by a home fire
- Teachers advanced their faith and knowledge through Foundational Religion Certification sessions on “Sacraments and Liturgy”
- Marketing & Advancement and BOT continue to work toward our goals as a school in areas of finance, retention and recruitment of new student families and the future of KCSS through growing the Endowment and Tuition Assistance Funds to lighten parish financial support to KCSS; conducted a Matching Fund Drive to pay for classical curriculum textbooks, materials and staff development; Grand Event was successful, (January 27, 2017 is the next Grand Event, so mark your calendars, now)

### **Goals/Projects for 2016 – 2017 School year:**

- On July 1, 2016, KCSS officially became St. Ignatius Catholic School
- Develop a new dress code and St. Ignatius line of apparel
- Upgrade the school’s Computer server capabilities
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the transition to Catholic Classical Curriculum looks to expand curriculum materials for Grades 5 – 8 in History (Catholic Textbook Project texts) and new unit based Science materials along with expanded the study of Latin into grade 5
- Grow/Develop a Virtue-Based Discipline Program that complements St. Ignatius’ transition to a Catholic Classical Curriculum
- Provide staff in-service opportunities to learn & develop greater knowledge of and use of methods of CCC and continue growing in their Faith through developing a Virtue-Based Restorative Discipline Program
- Complete a Self-Study for Accreditation team visit in 2016-2017 school year

**Thank you, everyone,** for your continued support of St. Ignatius Catholic School, formerly KCSS, through prayers, finances and hard work to make St. Ignatius the best school it can be.

St. Katharine Drexel Parish

Annual Meeting Report 2016

Annual Meeting: Sunday, November 27, 2016 after 10:30 AM Mass

Name of Committee: **Stewardship**

What did you accomplish over this past year?

July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

4 newsletters in 2015 sent to all parishioners

Giving Tree 2015 – Community Benefit Tree, A Very Special Place, Mother of Unborn Baby Care, St. Vincent de Paul, and hats, mittens, scarves for Head Start and KCSS



Pew Cards – Family Prayer received from the Diocese and a cute verse encouraging families with children to come together to Mass.

What are you looking at doing for this new year?

July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

3 newsletters were sent in 2016 to all parishioners

3 or 4 newsletters will be sent in 2017

Sponsored the Volunteer Appreciation Picnic on Sept. 11, 2016

Giving Tree 2016 – St. Vincent de Paul, Harbor House and Head Start

Hoping to still have speakers at Mass on prayer, sharing and service

Volunteer booklets are in process of being completed for Stewardship

Thank you for all that you do to continue the mission of Jesus.

Janice Welhouse will give report

#### Questions:

What is the status of the sale of St. Aloysius site? We are in the process of selecting a realtor and will have the property listed by the end of the year.

Why were there no sealed bids? There are problems with a sealed bid process. The planning committee discussed sealed bids but chose not to use the process to sell St. Al's.

In regards to the Annual Report, why was the budgeted numbers not included? Budgeted numbers have not been included in the past. Including the budget would be of limited value as most of our revenue and expenses cannot be controlled once the new fiscal year starts. The Finance council will discuss the merit of including the budget in future annual reports.