

St. Damien of Molokai Parish Council
14 November 2022, 6:00pm St. Gabriel Church Hall

Council Minutes

- I. Call to Order & Opening Prayer
 - a. Meeting called to Order at 6:00pm by Peter Arsenault, President
 - b. Father Daly led Parish Council in opening prayer
- II. Scripture Reading – Vicky Ascherman
- III. Attendance & Ministry Affiliation – Jackie Reardon, Secretary (see attached list)
- IV. New Business
 - a. Review and acceptance of council minutes – a motion to approve the October, 2022 council minutes was made by Vicky Ascherman.
 - b. The motion was seconded by Agnes Pier, and passed with no objections (and one abstention, by Agnes Pier).
- V. Standing Committees

Liturgy Committee: Stan Kulas

1. Thanksgiving Mass: 30 loaves of bread will be blessed at the Thanksgiving Day Mass.
2. Advent Wreath Candle Lighting: Candles will be lit at every Advent Mass. Team Captains from the Liturgy Committee will recruit parishioners to light the candles. The Grandparent Ministry will have a special role at the 3rd Sunday of Advent (Bambinelli Sunday) Candle Lighting. At both the 9:30am and 11:00am Masses, grandparents, along with their grandchildren, will be asked to light the candles. Also, all young parishioners will be invited to bring Baby Jesus figurines (Bambinellis) to both of these Masses, to have them blessed by Father Daly.
3. Distribution of Candy Canes: All Mass on December 10th and 11th. Wrapped gold coins will be distributed on New Year's Day Masses.
4. Do You Believe Series: 20 people participated in this series.
5. Soup for the Souls: Will be held this Lent.
6. Bible Study: The latest study session is ending November 15th. The average attendance was 16 people.
7. Adoration Chapel: A dinner was held on October 14th at St. Joseph Church Hall, for adorers, and for those interested in learning more about adoration and the chapel. 64 people attended, including 34 prospective adorers. 3-4 people have already signed up to be adorers. The Adoration Chapel is closed the week of November 9th, for repairs.
8. Christmas Pageant: Will be held at 3:30pm (before the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass), at St. Gabriel's Church.

Buildings & Grounds Committee: Peter Arsenault

1. Feedback regarding the ceiling lights at St. Joseph's Church is pending.
2. Assistance will be needed with putting up Christmas lights.

Evangelization Committee: Janet Pieper and Jackie Reardon

1. Two new families registered with our Parish since October.

2. Health and Wellness and Caregiver Ministry had a good turnout at the Thursday, October 13, 2022, presentation on dementia—Pamela Atwood, from Atwood Dementia Group, was the speaker. Some parishioners have inquired as to when she will return.
3. The committee will meet again on November 17th.

Social Action Committee: Jim Welsh/Annemarie Nasuta/Donna Chapman

1. The Parish dinner was held on November 5th, at St. Gabriel Church Hall, following the 4:00 pm Mass. The next dinner will be in the Spring of 2023.
2. Eight volunteers worked on the Habitat for Humanity House on October 22. Eight more are scheduled to work on Saturday, November 19th.

St. Gabriel School: Karla Neville – Principal

1. Approximately \$36,000.00 was raised at the Bids for Kid's Auction on November 5th.
2. One family participated in the St. Gabriel School open house on November 8th.
3. A Thanksgiving Rosary Service will be held at St. Gabriel School.
4. Gift cards that benefit St. Gabriel School will be sold after Masses, once the Giving Tree is up (the tree will be up for 2 weeks).
5. An Advent Wreath lighting ceremony will be held at St. Gabriel School.

Faith Formation: Cyndie Glick-Coordinator

1. Additional families did register for Faith Formation classes.
2. 7th grade students served as Lectors at the Student and Family Mass in November. The next Student and Family Mass will take place on December 4th, at St. Gabriel Church. The 6th grade students will serve as Lectors.
3. Students have been learning about vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Students wrote cards and letters to Seminarians for Thanksgiving.
4. The Thanksgiving turkey and food drive is being held at St. Joseph Church from 9:00am to 12pm on November 19th.
5. The Advent display with adult & youth materials will take place at St. Gabriel Church on November 27th (there will be no Faith Formation classes held on this date).
6. On November 20th, an Advent Retreat for young families will be held at Holy Family Retreat Center from 2:00pm to 6:00pm.
7. On December 4th, a Christmas Pageant parent meeting will be held. Rehearsals for the Pageant will then take place on December 10th and 17th, and the Pageant itself will be held on December 24th.
8. The students will send Christmas cards to the Seminarians.

Knights of Columbus: Stephen VanGasbeck

1. The membership drive for the Knights will take place the weekend of November 26th and 27th.
2. The Knights will be helping with putting up the Christmas lights.

Pastor's Report: Father Daly

1. Father Daly noted he has received a warm welcome from the parish.
2. To date, the total of the annual collection is \$2,000.00 less than this time last year. Fewer families have responded to the appeal.
3. The collection basket will be passed at the Christmas Masses, and, the passing of the basket may continue at Mass, depending on the response at Christmas.

4. It has been suggested that Ministry Training be held.
5. The Archbishop has written a new prayer, for vocations. The recitation of this prayer, at the end of Mass, will commence in the near term.

VI Next Meeting: St. Gabriel Church Hall, 6:00pm 9 January 2023.

VII Scripture Reading: Steve VanGasbeck.

VIII Closing Prayer: led by Deacon Carl.

Adjournment: made by Pete Arsenault.

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