

DEANERY ASSEMBLY REPORT FORM – Spring 2023

Deanery: Waukesha East

Meeting Date: Monday, March 27th

Report Submitted By: Lisa Nimmer

Parish Deanery Assembly Representatives/Parishes Present:

CCW (Nancy Knapp), **Good Shepherd** (Lisa Nimmer), **Holy Apostles** (Mary Beth Setzke), **St. Agnes** (Tanya Bissen & Perry Szuminski), **St. Anthony** (Mike Pandl), **St. Dominic** (Dennis Skrajewski), **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton** (Dave Knoll), **St. James** (Terry Brecklin & Jeff Kenkel), **St. John Vianney** (Patricia Butler), **St. Joseph** (Jerry Leveille & Alanna Wilgus), **St. Luke** (Paul Zarling & Bill Freisleben), **St. Mary's- Menomonee Falls** (Chris Bruns), **APC members** (Lisa Nimmer and Teresa Metz), **Archdiocese** (Deacon Jim Matthias, Cindy Lukowitz, and Meg Aspinwall)

1. Did your deanery need to discern a new APC representative? Yes _____ No X
If yes, who was selected? (Name, parish, email, phone, and mailing address please)

Teresa Metz's term is coming to an end, but she is still praying and discerning whether to continue as an APC Deanery Rep. More discussion at the next meeting on this.

2. Did you have a presentation on a specific topic? Yes X No _____
If Yes, what was the topic, who was the presenter, and what were the main points of the presentation?

Our speaker was Meg Aspinwall, Associate Director of Evangelization and Catechesis from the Archdiocese. She spoke about programs and opportunities for the youth, especially middle school age. She also passed out literature called, Whispers in the Pew for us to take back to our Parishes.

3. Comments or Questions from Meeting Topics Discussed:

There are a lot of resources at the Archdiocese and we should be using them more

4. Deanery items for the attention of the archbishop:
a. Share one significant way Synod priorities are being implemented at your parish.

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- b. Is there any other significant parish activity, which happened, is happening or being discussed that you want to share. Feel free to bring one handout.
5. St. Agnes: Sponsoring events to bring in young adults and families – chili cook offs and cribbage. Fellowship and building community are increasing attendance.
 6. St. Luke: Working with Cindy Lukowitz from the Arch on Stewardship implementation – time, talent, and treasure. **Question/Comment: The Assessment to Catholic Memorial should be ended**
 7. St. Dominic: Evangelization Mode: Young adults are implementing small groups. Fr. Dennis says staff should support laity. Prayer out loud, prayer corner for intentional discipleship. **Comment: Would like to see more reverence by receiving Eucharist on the tongue.**
 8. St. James: In the area of social justice/human concerns: Focusing on human trafficking and partnering with law enforcement. Encyclical on Environment (Pope Francis) **Question: Day of Reconciliation. Can general absolution during a liturgy be done?**
 9. Holy Apostles: Speakers on Saturday mornings “Care for Creation” - Interconnected to the Environment, are well attended. **Question: How are we addressing our aging population? Why are kids leaving the church? (20 – 30’s don’t feel like they belong)**
 10. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: Afghan Immigrant ministry really growing, and people have gotten involved. Leaders are 1st generation and get to know the families.
 11. St. John Vianney: Stewardship is down, and membership is also down. When there is a special cause parishioners donate. Peru ministry, Bids for Kids. A lot of money was raised to help build a trade school in Piura, Peru, among other things. The other was our successful Bids for Kids auction or the school (a biennial event). To build more for operational cost more transparency is needed. **Question: Why don’t Pastors have some decision-making power in the selection of Associate Pastors?**
 12. St. Joseph’s: Pastoral Council involved with Missionary Planning and have conducted a SWAT analysis. Preparing questions for parish and school staff and from that develop a questionnaire for the parish to pick 5 areas that we can do better in. Inform that Pastoral Council of the results. **Question: Why can’t we have women Deacons?**
 13. Good Shepherd: Focusing on our youth by revamping our Liturgy of the Word, we call Listen to the Lord. Adding music and craft activities has increased attendance, and new membership in the parish is up, as well.
 14. St. Anthony’s: Stewardship: LOA campaign exceeded goal! Formation: Daily Reconciliation – 5:00 PM, and during Lent – 6:30 AM. Good to see Adoration with St. Mary’s in Menomonee Falls.
 15. CCW: Human Concerns: Dorothy Day, National? (need more info here)

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16. St. Mary's (Menomonee Falls): Stewardship: Large men's group with St. Anthony's. Domestic Violence Committee (Monica Weese sp.?)

17. Significant new ways parishes are planning for the post-pandemic church:

Was not on our agenda for the Spring Meeting

18. Any other comments or questions?

*** We promoted Check Gallilee U on Archmil/org**

***Deacon Matthias talked about Project Rachel, a ministry to support those who have been involved in abortion and provided literature to take back to our parishes.**

19. Future Meeting Dates, Time, and Location:

Monday, October 23rd, 2023 @ 6:30 (Location TBD)

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