

Saint John the Baptist – Pastoral Outreach Commission Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: Tues., Sept. 17, 2024, 6:30pm	Recorder Socchie Fondevilla	Chair: Marie Zimmerman
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Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present
Louie Fondevilla	X	Marie Zimmerman	X
Socchie Fondevilla	X	Carolyn Brandt	X
Mary Kohlhaas (Staff Liaison)	X	Jeannie Koslowski	X
Joni Metz	X	Nilo Asio	X
Cheryl Puffer	X	Father Derek Gilde	X
Gwen Schuller-Bebus	X		

A. Opening Prayer: Father Derek Gilde

B. Tonight’s Agenda was approved.

C. We welcome warmly our new members, Father Derek Gilde & Nilo Asilo. We say our goodbyes with heartfelt gratitude to Gwen Schuller-Bebus for her outstanding job as liaison for the Kidz Closet & Growing through Loss. We honor her contributions in initiating the on-board package for newcomers, for her creative Wines & Wishes basket masterpieces POC donates to the Fall Fest Silent Auction, for initiating the tri-fold flyer for Kidz Closet, Food Shelf & SVdP and for her service to the Parish. Marie presented her with a beautiful icon of John the Baptist as a parting gift.

D. Introduction and explanation of our ministries to Father Derek, new member on-board.

1. The 2024-2025 POC Members List was distributed for review and changes. Each of the nine people here is a liaison of one or more Ministries (total is 24). As liaison, we get in touch with the Ministry’s Coordinator, see what they need & how POC can help and how they can be promoted.

No.	Liaison	Ministry	New Ministry (Added+ or Reassigned)	Description
1	Carolyn	Able Fix- It		The group of handy men & women who help elderly people with house repair needs, yardwork, during snow.
2	Cheryl	Branch III, Catholic Charities, Sharing & Caring Hands		Sharing & Caring hands serve meals to the homeless. Donations of Hygiene stuffs & blankets
3	Gwen	Growing thru Loss, Kidz Closet		
4	Jeannie	Faithfully Fit, Respect Life	+Divine Mercy Prayer Ministry (Ministry of Accompaniment) +Wounded Hearts (Trauma Ministry)	To be available to pray for those with terminal sickness, are dying & be with their families. Learning as we go. Wounded Hearts is a Ministry for those affected by traumatic experiences such as neglect, physical & emotional abuse, and assault.
5	Joni	Food Shelf, Quilters	+Kidz Closet	Quilters make prayer quilt blankets for the Parishioners to give to the ill or traumatized. They are blessed at a Mass once per year.
6	Louie	St. Vincent the Paul		SVdP is a charitable organization to help the homeless & poor in the community by collecting socks & underwear

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				donations, winter coats and slightly used household items.
7	Marie	Community Support Center, Compassion Clinic, Young at Heart	+Growing thru Loss	
8	Mary	Eucharistic Ministry, Rochester Medical Mission, SJB Mission, Widows & Widowers		
9	Nilo		Food Shelf	Food Shelf provides bags of food and grocery items to our neighbors.
10	Socchie	Caregivers	+Journey through Loss (Ministry of Consolation)	Caregivers Group hold monthly meetings with those providing care for their ailing loved ones. Our role is to be listening ears and offer prayers
	No Need	Meals on Wheels		Delivers meals to Senior facilities and units

E. Commission Question: What are you looking forward to with the upcoming return to the Church?

We're looking forward to the new kneelers. In prayers for more parishioners to come to Masses & Parish activities. They worked on better sound system.

F. Pastoral Ministry Coordinator Update:

1. **Wounded Hearts-** 1 participant so far attended the first meeting. This person brought much information in way of resources.
2. **Divine Mercy Prayer-** Still in the making but getting close. Already visiting one parishioner. Plan to bring crucifixes, holy water, rosaries, Divine Mercy Chaplet booklets & cards. Our general mission is to be available to pray to those with terminal disease and are dying.
3. **Journeying Through Grief (formerly Ministry of Consolation - MOC)** – Six regulars from the beginning. Going well, very open with their stories and needs. Plan on a facilitator gathering in next couple of weeks. Check in.
4. **Mary's Meals-**
 - a. **Dinner-** Oct. 10 at 6:30pm in the Guardian Angels Catholic Church (Silent Auction at 5:30pm)
 - b. **World Mission Sunday** – Oct 19-20 with Building Bridges Liberia.
5. **Caregivers-** New people showing interest. Was a great experience for the new one this month. Really needed the support.
6. **Widows and Widowers-** 19- 20 people last couple of months. More men coming, priests both came this month!
7. **Respect Life**
 - a. **Voter Education-** table in the Plaza has been set-up every other week or so. Trying to promote getting out the vote AND looking at issues from Catholic worldwide. Being very careful not to promote any particular candidate.

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b. Follow up with **Biblical Citizenship** – Series through [Wallbuilders](#) and [Turning Point USA](#) on learning about America’s History and the Constitution. St. Raph’s in Crystal & St. Michael Church in St. Michael both are doing it, and they can’t stop, people are demanding the next one. Really good response.

- 8. **Eucharistic Ministry**- We have a couple of new people who signed up to be trained in the EM.
- 9. **Rochester Medical Mission**- Paul & Joni are our volunteers in driving to Rochester

G. Old Business:

1. 2024-2025 Fiscal Year-End Stats -

- a. We talked about a standard form to use for collection of data. **ACTION ITEM:** Joni & Socchie will discuss and finalize the format of the report (like that of St. Vincent de Paul’s report)
- b. The schedule of quarterly submissions: QTR1- September (June-August); QTR2 is due in December (September-November); QTR3 is due on March (December-February); finally QTR4 is on June (March-May). Share these with the Coordinators of your Ministries.

2. **By-Laws Update** - We’re all set for this. Must know if all other Commissions will also review their bylaws in fall.

3. 2024 Bulletin Shorts

MONTH	MINISTRY	COMMENTS
October	Quilts, Sharing & Caring hands	Joni & Cheryl
November		
December		

4. Review of POC Goals on the [PLC Goals Workbook 2023-2024](#)

- a. Add: POC Stats quarterly submission, update 2024-2025 POC List of Members details
- b. **ACTION ITEM:** create 2024-2025 Goals

5. Liaison’s Reports

- a. **Quilters**- have many quilts to be blessed in a Mass in October.
- b. **Sharing & Caring Hands**- Hygiene bags & Blanket drive for winter to be promoted on Bulletin and to be coordinated with Marty.

H. New Business:

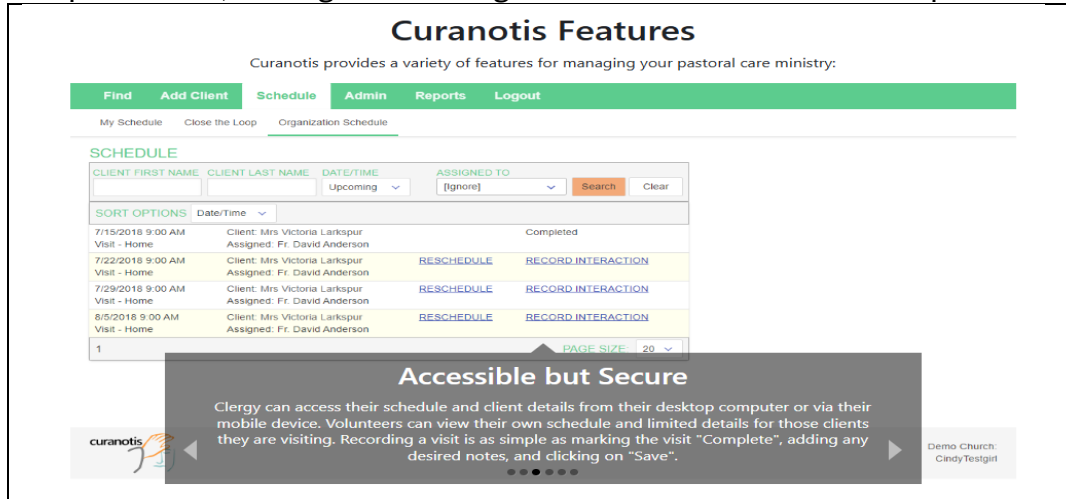
1. All Saints Party- Wed., October 30

ACTION ITEM: Volunteers for painting faces on the clementines (*Mary, Cheryl, Joni, Louie & Socchie, etc.*), set-up tables & manning the tables (*Mary, Joni, Carol, Louie & Socchie, etc.*)

2. **[Curanotis](#)**- Father Derek explained that this application, for one, will help POC Eucharistic Ministry know which facilities need more visits. “It provides a variety of features for managing

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pastoral care ministry” & may be recommended for use by all other Commissions. It utilizes Excel spreadsheet, mailings and it can generate lists and customized reports



3. **‘Grateful Hearts Growing Together’**- Core Commitment Drive in November. Prayer is on Nov 2-3; Discipleship & Mission- Nov 9-10; Generous Spirit- Nov 16-17
ACTION ITEM: Pastoral Care Staffs tables, each its own ministry to invite others to participate
4. **Anointing Mass**- Saturday, Nov 9. There’s a very long list on the Bulletin of prayer petitions.
ACTION ITEM: wipe-out this list after being prayed for in 3-months’ time. Volunteers needed
5. **Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe Pilgrimage**- Saturday, Dec 7 Mass to be officiated by Father Derek. Register for bus seat reservation.
ACTION ITEM: Volunteers needed
6. **Young at Heart Advent Party**- Saturday, Dec 14; Time: 1:30-3:30pm; Games, crafts & treats
ACTION ITEM: Volunteers needed

I. Three+ items for PLC

1. Updates of POC Goals, By-laws and Constitution
2. Review of Liaison Roles & New Ministry Assignments of new & current members.
3. Curanotis

Closing prayer: Father Derek Gilde

Next Meeting: October 22

2024-2025 PLC_POC Meeting Dates: Nov 19, Dec 10, Jan 21, Feb 18, Mar 18, Apr 22, May 20, June 10

Minutes recorded by:
Socchie Fondevilla

Minutes approved by:
Marie Zimmerman- POC Chair