

**Saint John the Baptist –
Pastoral Outreach Commission
Monthly Meeting Minutes**

Date:	Tues., Feb 18, 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	
Mary Kohlhaas (Staff Liaison)	X	Jeannie Koslowski	X
Joni Metz	X	Nilo Asio	
Cheryl Puffer	X	Father Derek Gilde (Staff)	
Father Paul Shovelain (Guest)	X		

A. Opening Prayer: Fr. Paul Shovelain

B. Tonight’s Agenda of the Meeting was approved.

C. Pastoral Ministry Coordinator Update:

1. Curanotis Phone Calls Update

a. Mary received from some POC members’ results of their phone calls to find out who among our 31 volunteers are still interested in continuing their current assignments and if they are open to taking a homebound or Senior Centers service. All this information about who’s retiring, details of new people on board and client information gathered is appreciated.

2. Nursing Home Ministry Update- Fr. Derek started doing more in the Nursing Home facilities we have been servicing on a regular basis by holding Anointing Masses & Confessions. He also wants to know who those people are by trying to get rosters from the Care Centers. For cases where we may not be provided with a list, EMHC volunteers will go to people and get their details. This way we will have better accountability, for any group’s greeting cards for homebound or other projects for us to deliver and for us to be able to know who has passed.

3. Divine Mercy Prayer Team Update

a. The Ministry is going to reach out through the Bulletin to invite new volunteers and to make St. John’s Parishioners aware that if they want prayers for their dying loved ones, this Ministry is available and for those interested, they can call Mary. The team had printed business cards which the priests can give out when they are called.

4. Transportation for Parishioners to/from Church or appointments.

a. POC is suggesting the possibility of setting up a Taxi Service Account. We will send a taxi to those living alone and independent but unable to drive around, who are requesting this service from us, and we will pick up the tab. Father Paul supports this idea. This is one of POC's recommendations to the GMT Funds.

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- b. At this time, POC does not need to make a proposal to the Parish Leadership. Mary is working to get the funding, do all the legal channels in presenting the contracts then review those things.
- c. Father Paul & Father Derek had already a discussion about this, but the level of action was not clearly decided. If Claudia gets a call requesting transportation service, that will be directed for Mary’s action.
- d. From PLC meeting, Michelle of Worship shared that we might consider ‘[Help at Your Door](#)’

5. Two New POC Ministries:

- a. **Recovery Group** - There is a plan to form this group, working on getting information from AA and Catholics in Recovery (<https://catholicinrecovery.com/>) and Calix Society (<https://www.calixsociety.org/>) bring Sacraments for those seeking recovery from addiction and maintain their relationship with Jesus and their faith through the Catholic Church. The first of the monthly meetings is on Wednesdays.
- b. **Infertility Ministry**- The first meeting was last Monday, February 17 from 8:00-10:00PM. As in the case of the Wounded Hearts Group, when it’s painful, it takes a while for people to have the idea of talking about it. So, the advice was to stay on the course, prepare the ground with intercessory prayer for whoever will come because they really need this Ministry. This new faith sharing program includes communal prayers, sharing of experiences and resources and fellowship.

- 6. **Medical Supplies**- The shelves have been cleared, and supplies have been delivered to Rochester.

D. Old Business:

1. Hygiene Bags Campaign Challenge

- a. POC extends its gratitude to all of the Commissions on the success of the Hygiene Bags Campaign challenge. There were 96 Hygiene bags collected which filled up the Sharing and Caring Hands bin and two more boxes of donations for packing. Sharing & Caring Hands Liaison announced the Worship Commission as the winner of the Challenge. Marty will deliver them next week.

2. SJB Vetting Process–

- a. **Re-vetting the international Missions:** Marie, Nilo & Carolyn changed the letter, which will be emailed to Joni for filing in our document binder. We already have Naomi’s packet; Mary’s Meals’ packet is in the mailbox. Marie will contact Nilo & Carolyn to find time to review those submissions. The goal is to have it all done by May.

3. 2025 Bulletin Shorts

MONTH	MINISTRY	COMMENTS
March	Sharing & Caring Hands	Cheryl
April	Kidz Closet	Joni
May	Recovery Group	Mary
June	Prayer Shawls/Quilters	Mary

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July	Faithfully Fit	Jean
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4. **Prayer Shawls- with Quilters-** Dayna Prokop, coordinator for the Prayer Shawls, will help set it up with the Quilters Group’s involvement. This way, people can choose either a quilt or a shawl.

5. **Adding Info to the Websites-**

- a. The website should be updated with ministry changes again this year. We have a few new ministries that need to be added to the website. A few ministries have been renamed and should be updated on the website. In addition, Faithfully Fit and the Rochester Medical Mission were inadvertently omitted from last year’s updates. They should be included.
- b. At the time of the Ministry Fair, Mary updated her list of new ministries. She also updated descriptions for some existing ministries. This list was current at the time of the fair although a few more new ministries have been added since that list was published. It would be a good starting point for this year’s website updates.
- c. The ministries are listed in two places on the website. They are on our Pastoral Outreach homepage <https://stjohnnb.com/about-us/church-governance/pastoral-outreach-commission/>
- d. This list includes only the ministries under Mary’s umbrella. They are also on the Community Outreach page <https://stjohnnb.com/community-outreach/> The Community Outreach page includes all ministries under Mary’s umbrella plus two ministries that still belonged under “Community Outreach” but were not under Mary’s POC umbrella last year. They are Angel Tree and the Prayer Line.
- e. Mary will discuss the web updates with Joseph.

6. **Review & update of the [2024-2025 POC Goals](#)** with members. Done

7. **Triple flyer for Kidz Closet, Food Shelf & Quilters-** we will work on this at our next meeting

8. **Nursing Room**

- a. It will be ready by Mother’s Day.
- b. They’re looking at options on pictures to put up on the walls.
 - i. We will have an icon outside so that there’s consistency with our Church art, outside any other room Father Paul will commission our Church’s iconographer who writes these icons.

E. New Business

- 1. There will be an **Anointing Mass** on Friday, February 28. Father Paul's Aunt Janice is coming to render music with her accordion. The **Quilters' Group** is setting up a table to give away some blessed quilts. Lunch will follow.

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2. **Chairperson-** It is Marie’s last term this year & she’d asked all members to prayerfully consider being the next POC Chairperson. She said it’s time for her to move on to work full time with the Compassion Clinic. She also wants to take a break from POC and to find time for self-care.
 - a. We have also some open positions
 - b. POC has received interest in joining from members of other Commissions
 - c. For inquiries, Teri Shea will have the list of the openings in all the Commissions

F. Three+ items for PLC

1. Results of the Hygiene Bags Campaign Challenge.
2. Anointing Mass
3. Two New POC Ministries:
 - a. Recovery Group - for launching
 - b. Infertility Ministry

Closing prayer: Marie

Next Meeting: March 18

2025 PLC_POC Meeting Dates: Apr 22, May 20, June 10

<p>Minutes approved by: Marie Zimmerman- POC Chair</p>	<p>Minutes recorded by: Socchie Fondevilla</p>
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