

## ADMINISTRATIVE PILLAR



BY RICHARD PFENTNER

**The Administrative Pillar is mainly responsible for human resources, governing/Family leadership, Central Office, budgeting/finance, data reporting, and compliance.**

The members of the Pillar are David Wieglass and Jude Schwendler from St. Pius X; David Fischer and Rich Pfentner from Good Shepherd; and Kyle Lucey, Lee Butler, Marisa Piazza, and Ted Lockett from St. Greg's.

Our main priorities currently are **setting up a Central Office, improving both**

**internal and external communication between the parishes, and establishing a name for our Family of Parishes.**

The Central Office will be located at St. Greg's, with a presence of office staff at St. Pius X and Good Shepherd, so administrative duties can still be carried out at all three parishes. Several personnel (Priests, Director of Music, Director of Lay and Liturgical Ministries, Maintenance) are working for all three parishes. An allocation of expenses for these people has been approved.

**In order to establish a Family name,** our Pillar is looking to invite every

group and parishioner within the Family, including the School, to make suggestions. Then we will narrow the choices down to a few and have everyone vote on the name.

To improve communication, **work is being done to update websites, update and set up social media, improve bulletins, and work with other Pillars to assist in achieving goals.** As we go through this process, we are learning that all three parishes have different things to offer. As we pool resources together and allocate them among the parishes, we will become a vibrant Family of Parishes. ■

## SPIRITUAL LIFE PILLAR



BY RENEE BOLTRI

**The Spiritual Life Pillar works to ensure robust devotional practices and retreat opportunities across all demographics of our Family of Parishes.**

We are grounded in prayer and ask for openness to the Holy Spirit to faithfully ensure that all who may be impacted by our Family of Parishes find an inviting array of spiritual touchpoints to anchor their growth in holiness and transformation to live the Gospel.

On this Pillar are Renee Boltri, Bobbi

Huber, and Mary Beth Pfeiffer from St. Greg's; Kathy Budnick and John Tanner from Good Shepherd; and Nora Fiegl and Barbara Voigt from St. Pius X.

Initially, **we created a spreadsheet outlining details of each parish's spiritual offerings,** noting who leads them. The Family is committed to maintaining lay-led prayers (Rosary, Divine Mercy Chapel, Eucharistic Adoration, Vespers, etc.), and we would like to encourage ongoing invitations to new participants.

There is a natural interface and overlap with some other Pillars' work, particularly the Forming Disciples, Steward-

ship, and Outreach/Inreach Pillars. We strive to collaboratively expand the Adult Faith Formation efforts of St. Greg's to include representation from St. Pius X and Good Shepherd; we are examining spiritual outreach to long-term care facilities; and **we are exploring ways of getting concrete feedback on programs, talks, and retreats so parishioner input contributes to shaping what comes next.**

Several Pillar members have attended the diocesan *Life in the Eucharist* training to prepare our Family to strategically and effectively immerse ourselves in this multi-session program.

## FORMING DISCIPLES PILLAR



BY LISA BATT

**The Forming Disciples Pillar is overseeing the centralizing of the Family Faith Formation programs, Youth Ministry, and increased family involvement from all three parishes.**

This also includes working closely with St. Gregory the Great School.

The members of this Pillar are Pam Rankin, Richard Fox, and Tracy Garlapo

from St. Pius X; Gregory Todaro and Janis Lombardi from Good Shepherd; Dan Dreschel from St. Gregory the Great School; and Michael Ruzala and Jennifer Geska from St. Gregory the Great Parish.

We meet twice a month, and **we have accomplished our first goals—a unified Family Faith Formation curriculum and a program schedule for the upcoming year.** We presented these to Fr. Leon for approval. Our next goal is to focus

on staffing and office locations for Family Faith Formation. It is our main goal to make a "hybrid" religious education program, including a variety of format choices that will accommodate our families' needs.

It has been very encouraging to see the active involvement across all three of our parishes. We want to spread that across not only our school and Family Faith Formation program, but increase involvement in Youth Ministry as well. ■

## STEWARDSHIP PILLAR



BY ERIC BANNOCHIE

**The Stewardship Pillar is focused on inviting parishioners to share their many God-given gifts and resources with**

**others.** As caretakers or stewards of these gifts, we are asked to use our resources to further enhance our relationships with the Lord and promote the wellbeing of ourselves and other individuals, and the community. Essentially, our job is to identify stewardship opportunities and share them with our Family of Parishes.

On the Stewardship Pillar are Eric Bannochie and Margaret Lucas from Good Shepherd; Maria Gambacorta and Lawrence Ricigliano from St Pius X; and Brian Ruh, Morgan Arcuri, and Shirley Mariathan from St. Greg's. We are fortunate to have two members of the St. Greg's Stewardship Committee on our Pillar Team. This allows us to tap into their prior experiences.

As a Pillar team for the Family of Parishes, we have adopted a Stewardship model similar to that of St. Greg's, focusing on Time, Talent, and Treasure.

✝ Time focuses on spiritual growth.

**Our Pillar team has developed a suggestion card of spiritual growth opportunities that will soon be distributed at all parishes.**

✝ The Talent component of Stewardship focuses on how we can serve. St Greg's has a yearly Ministry Fair that highlights upcoming opportunities. We are still developing the talent component for Good Shepherd and St. Pius X.

✝ Lastly, the Treasure component is a financial commitment. We will be working with the St. Greg's Stewardship Committee on this in the near future.

## OUTREACH/INREACH PILLAR

BY CATHERINE MCMASTERS

**The primary responsibility of the Outreach/InReach pillar is to engage in evangelization within our Family of Parishes and the community at large.**

Members include Lynn Leising and Anne Whitehead from Good Shepherd; Carolyn Weber and Mark Lettieri from St. Pius X; and Catherine McMaster from St. Gregory's.

**Our first task was to take an inventory of ministries within each parish to learn about current evangelization activities and to determine ways we can**

collaborate and support our ministries. While there are some similarities, there are also some unique ministries in each parish. We have discussed ways in which we can introduce the ministries in each parish to the Family as a whole.

We have also discussed ways in which we can bring all parishes together as a Family, such as last year's Corpus Christi Mass and Procession. The committee is working to identify other events, either liturgical or social, that will bring together members of all the parishes. **We are currently working on organizing a**

**social event which we hope will take place this spring. We are also discussing possibilities for Lent, 2024.**

As we continue to meet and discuss the responsibilities and mission of the Outreach/InReach Pillar, we have come to realize that much of our work will begin once the other Pillars have implemented their plans for our Family of Parishes. We anticipate working with other Pillars, particularly Spiritual Life and Forming Disciples, to create meaningful opportunities for evangelization and faith formation. ■

## LITURGY PILLAR



BY CHRIS CAROCCI

**The Liturgy Pillar continually reviews the sacramental schedule for the Parish Family and makes revision recommendations to the Pastor.**

Our Pillar members are Chris Carocci and Ann Metz from Good Shepherd; Steve Quebral, Nancy Erdman, Tom Ahearn, and Mary Ellen Goergen from St. Greg's; and Donna Karas and Paul Karas from St. Pius X.

Our initial goal was to create a liturgical

schedule for the Family. Our team meticulously reviewed and discussed the weekday and weekend Mass schedules. Our proposal to Fr. Leon, utilizing the priests assigned to our Family, took into account the weather, travel time and distance between the four Family sites while giving the priests time to engage with the congregation after Mass. **After several revisions, the current Mass schedule was approved and implemented the first weekend of Advent.**

**We are now focusing on creating a consistent schedule to be used for Ho-**

**ly Days** with minimal revisions based on when Holy Days fall during the week and the obligation. We strive to provide accessibility to parishioners to increase attendance. The Family schedule for Confessions is also being reviewed to better utilize our priests while providing accessibility to the sacrament.

We've received many positive comments from parishioners, as they visit the different family sites, about how wonderful the liturgies are and how beautiful and unique each site is. ■