

## **Parish Council Meeting, January 26, 2010**

**Those present:** Jan Tighe, Scot Laramee, Deacon Art, Judy Bonish, Doris Cameron, Joann Stammersky, Father Leo, Cindie Audia, Judy Schurmann, Eric Fenske

**Prayer Service:** Father Leo started with a Prayer Service.

**Worship and Evangelization:** Jan Tighe

**St. Blaise Day:** Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Father Leo will offer a blessing of throats on the weekend of February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> after all masses and will announce ahead of time.

**Anointing of the Sick:** The first Saturday of Lent, February 6<sup>th</sup> we will have the sacramental anointing of the sick.

**Ash Wednesday:** Services February 17<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

**Lent Penance Service:** Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

**Stations of the Cross:** Every Friday during Lent at 7 p.m. with the Children's Stations of the Cross on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

**Holy Week: April 1<sup>st</sup>-April 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Holy Thursday:** April 1<sup>st</sup>

**Good Friday:** April 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Easter Vigil:** April 3<sup>rd</sup> through Easter Sunday April 4<sup>th</sup>

**Divine Mercy:** April 11<sup>th</sup> with Mass at 2 p.m.

**Reminder: Adoration Chapel will be closed:** from Holy Thursday at 8 a.m. through Easter Sunday Morning at 7:30 a.m. Chapel will be painted during this time.

**May Crowning:** May 2<sup>nd</sup>. RCIA candidate Larry Grace will crown the statue in the courtyard.

**Lenten Speaker:** We won't be having a speaker for Lent this year as the season is too busy already.

**Evangelization:**

**RCIA Rite of Election:** Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 9 a.m. Mass, Cathedral at 5 p.m.

**First Scrutiny:** Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. Mass

**Second Scrutiny:** Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. Mass

**Third Scrutiny:** March 21<sup>st</sup> at 11 a.m. Mass.

**Maryville Retreat:** March 24<sup>th</sup> from 4-10 p.m.

**Rehearsal:** - March 31<sup>st</sup>

We have a great class for RCIA again this year. Evan Pilgrim from last year's class came in and gave an awesome testimony.

**Lenten Newsletter:** Mailing out by Ash Wednesday.

**Family Life News:** Kathy Thomas

**New Parishioner Dinner:** February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 following the 5 p.m. Mass. Last year's was outstanding. Dave Longtine will be cooking and he is excellent.

**Pre Marriage Sessions for 2010:** If you are planning to get married in the church 2010 and have not finalized a date with Father Leo please do that right away. We will help you schedule and discuss your Pre-Marriage sessions.

**Growing up God's Way:**

**Father and Son Program:** will be May 9<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. for young men 14-17 years old with their Dads (or other adults).

**D.I.V.A.S (Deep in Virtue and Spirit):** Mother and daughter program is scheduled May 15<sup>th</sup> 2010. 9-12 year old girls 10 a.m.-1p.m. and 13-16 year old girls 2-5 p.m.

These programs explore God's special gift of human fertility and the wonder of God's plan for growing up. Topics discussed: Physical and emotional changes, acceptance of responsibility and the sacredness of human life, reverence for our sexuality, virtue of chastity and abstinence advantages. Programs are intended to serve as a platform for new and existing communications between parent and child. The programs have been very successful so far. For information and registration contact the Family Life Office at 248-889-0634.

**Wedding-Deacon Art officiating:** Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Haiti Relief Fund:** We collected over \$10,000 for the Haiti relief fund in two weekend masses.

**Budget:** Judy Bonish mentioned that people appreciate seeing the budget in the bulletin.

**Water Fountains:** The water fountains were looking terrible and not working right, so Father Leo had them replaced. The new ones look much nicer and also have filters so the water will taste better.

**Organizing the Hall Closet:** Carole Litzelman has taken on the job of organizing the closet in the back of the hall.

**Right to Life Luminaries:** Scot Laramee said that the luminaries were very visible and some lasted through the night. LARTL also sold around 70 T-shirts and hoodies over the weekend masses. Judy Bonish mentioned the Oakland Press editorial article condemning abortion. In spite of much opposition, Focus on the Family is sponsoring a Super Bowl commercial featuring Tim Tebow talking about abortion.

**"Whatever You Do" Sculpture:** If you turn it upside down it looks like an ultrasound picture of a baby in the womb. Father Leo will write an article and put it in the bulletin or in the Easter newsletter.

**The Vicariate Parish Council:** Church of the Holy Spirit needs a representative from the Parish for the Vicariate meetings. Judy Staelens used to represent us so we need someone new to take her place.

**Scholarship Requirements:** For the men and women who are applying for the scholarships, how much should we insist that they are for life? Father Leo is going to write a note to everyone that might be interested and require them to come to a meeting about respecting life. Women's Club has already made that requirement but Father wants to make sure that it is followed by everyone that gives out scholarships in the parish. There was a lot of conversation about how the younger generation has been inundated with abortion.

**Home for Unwed Mothers:** Judy Bonish mentioned the possibility of opening a home for unwed mothers similar to the one operated by the O'Dea's.

**Women's Club:** Judy Bonish

**Bob Pepper's Quartet:** Bob Peppers' quartet will be coming in for the Valentine's Day women's club meeting.

**Jubilarian Dinner Photos:** The photos from the Jubilarian Dinner turned out really nice.

**The Men of Grace Concert:** was excellent and WC will probably ask them back.

**Christmas Cards:** Women's Club may sell Christmas cards as a fund raiser.

**Vocations:** Eric Fenske brought up vocations. Father mentioned having Father Burney visiting and speaking about vocations and that we have a need for a representative.

**Parish Council Terms:** We are at the end of the 3 year term for Parish Council.

**Deaconate Program:** Deacon Art talked a little about the Deaconate program. Paul Alflen is currently attending from our parish.

**Mission Trip:** Judy mentioned that 5 of our youth have accepted going on to a mission trip to Pennsylvania. Parents will drive to keep the cost down and the kids did a bottle drive that was pretty successful.

**Squires Collection for Washington DC:** The collection for the Squires made enough money to buy jackets for Washington DC and to buy robes to induct their own members.

**Boiler:** The boiler wouldn't start a few weeks ago on a Saturday. Father tried troubleshooting techniques but ended up calling a repair company.