

## Parish Council Meeting-March 23, 2010

**Those present:** Scot Laramee, Deacon Art, Father Leo, Judy Schurmann, Judy Bonish, Joanne Stammersky, Jan Tighe, Cindie Audia, Doris Cameron, Anna Audia (representing Daughters of Rose)

**LARTL-**Scot Laramee. The **LARTL oratory contest** was won by a young lady who was a teenage mother and second place was from a young man who spoke on Euthanasia. The young lady will represent Lakes Area at the state level now. He shared a statistic that for every young lady who aborts a baby, there are 30 couples wanting to adopt a baby.

**RTL dinner** will be next week.

**Dave Theisen** suggested that we have a prolife list of realtors so that someone moving to a different area can get a prolife realtor and a referral fee will go to the local RTL affiliate. Father Leo said that we have to make sure we don't exclude local realtors who might not be part of it.

**RTL Directory-**We collected over \$1000 to purchase two pages of advertisements in the RTL directory. Doctors claim they can now figure out when a pregnant mother is going to have an autistic child and there is a concern that will increase the abortion rate.

The good news is that there are new developments to help heal several problems to a developing fetus in the womb so that the children will be born with less health problems.

**Table of Reposition-Deacon Art** asked about **the table of reposition** but it is a secret. It will be a place to pray with some interactive ability.

**Father Leo** said that **ACORN** has closed its doors in Michigan and changed its name in two states.

**RCIA Retreat-Jan Tighe** said that the candidates are doing very well and will have their retreat tomorrow.

**Stations of the Cross** with the soup and bread meals on Fridays during Lent are going very well.

**Women's Club** is having their **Baby Shower** on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Judy Bonish will speak at all the Masses.

**Cleaning the Hall Closets-Carol Litzelman** will be starting to clean the hall closets after the weather improves so she can take things outside as necessary.

**Anna Audia** came to represent **the Daughters of the Rose**, Recognizing Obligation and Service to Everyone. They would like to do activities, visiting nursing homes, soup kitchens, knit for charity, Special Olympics, Gleaners, etc. Sister Mary Jonathon has agreed to be their advisor.

**Father Leo** suggested putting a picture of the girls in the bulletin. **The Women's Club** offered their support and asked the girls to attend the **Baby Shower** on April 8th.

**Mission Trip-**A new parishioner has offered to go with the youth on the mission trip.

**Vicariate Representative-Father Leo** has a person in mind to be our Vicariate representative and he will ask him.

**Vocations-Judy Bonish** asked how we support young men to help them consider going into the priesthood. Jan mentioned that it is a conversion process. Chris Zielinski was helping with vocations.

**Deacon Art** said that they reinforce **Mass attendance** with the Religious Ed students, but the ultimate responsibility lies with the parents.

**Water Fountains- Father Leo** mentioned that we got the new water fountains with a tile backsplash. **Women's bathrooms** look nice after the remodeling.

**Donut/Coffee Socials-** Scot mentioned that we need to get more of the ministry leaders in church for the donut/coffee socials after Mass to speak to parishioners about the various ministries.

Scot also mentioned that we need to talk to our **Protestant friends on the LARTL board.**

Next meeting April 27, 2010