

## **Parish Pastoral Council October 23, 2007**

**Those present:** Judy Schurmann, Paul Alflen, Deacon Art VanBrook, Doris Cameron, Scot Laramée, Jo Ann Stammersky, Anthony Young, Jan Tighe, Cindie Audia, Eric Fenske, Father Leo Lulko

**Worship and Evangelization-** The **Mission for Lent** will be given by Father Jim Caruthers, March 1-March 5, 2008.

**Movie Night** will be Friday, November 30th, 7 p.m. sponsored by the Friends in Faith. The movie will be The Nativity.

**Women's Club-** is still working on the **New Years Eve Party** but we need a Chairman. Sparky's will be catering again. We are also having trouble getting workers to commit themselves. We are still having the **Thanksgiving Bake Sale**.

**Women's Club** will still be having the **Santa Sale**.

**Men's Club-** is in a lull right now. **Nominations for President and Officers** will begin next month. We also have a need for **Ushers**. Volunteers would go to Rick Rubenacker. Anthony will call Nancy Maraj and add it to the Mass announcements. There is some talk about having both women and men ushers but it needs more discussion. There was also discussion about approaching the Squires about Ushering and also maybe mentoring the acolytes. Art mentioned approaching the acolytes as they are getting older and asking them to step into the role of ushering. Father felt that age 14 would be an appropriate age for young men to become ushers. There will be a **Breakfast** November 25<sup>th</sup> with an omelet station and pancake station and waffle station after 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Mass. The cost is not finalized yet.

**Super Bowl Party** will be February 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will also be a **Membership Drive** for the Men's Club and the Knights of Columbus but plans are not complete yet.

**Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee** is coming up in November. **The Food and Wine Tasting** was a good success. The gift baskets turned out well. The advertising worked out well and there was a good turnout. The food was very good. For next year, they are going to add a non-alcoholic beverage for non-drinkers.

We need to try to remember to **Thank Business People** for their sponsorship when we see them and when we frequent their businesses. We also send out letters and plaques.

Anthony wondered if the church has a list of who to go to for the different needs of the clubs such as Mass announcements. Nancy Maraj is in charge of getting those ready for the weekend and likes the information by Thursday.

Eric Fenske asked about the **Crop Walk**. There is some talk about them supporting the distribution of condoms. The collection was very good this year, but we need to check to see what they support for next year.

**Father Leo's Flavorings**-Father checked to make sure that we all got the **Stem Cell DVD** from the Archdiocese. There is supposed to be a new push for Embryonic Stem cell research in Michigan and we will have to watch for it and speak against it.

October 30<sup>th</sup> on PBS at 6 p.m. or 9 p.m. by **Tom Lynch called the Undertaking**. It is very well done and very interesting. Jan was also interviewed for the show. Tom will also speak November 8<sup>th</sup> at the Women's Club.

Other parishes are looking at our **Perpetual Adoration Chapel** and seeing how this can be done. Jan mentioned that we never have trouble keeping it staffed.

Father mentioned again that each **Parish will be Changed to a LLC**. There will be an Archdiocese meeting and Father Leo and Scot Laramee will attend. There was discussion about having a Board, liabilities, etc. Many other dioceses already have this. Most things will be the same but it will restrict liabilities. Scot mentioned that we should take questions from the different ministries and ask them at the meeting.

**"Bella"** will be coming out and it is prolife and PG13. Opening day will be this Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, probably at AMC Theatres.

Paul found in the Michigan Catholic that we now only need 75% cash to continue the **Building Project**. We are looking to spend around \$4 million dollars. The grant is still not through. The new LLC may open up our Financing options.

**Next Parish Council Meetings will be November 27<sup>th</sup> and December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 and January 22, 2008.**