

## **Parish Council Meeting, September 18, 2007**

**Those present:** Scot Laramee, Anthony Young, Deacon Art VanBrook, Jo Ann Stammersky, Doris Cameron, Cindie Audia, Jan Tighe, Fr. Leo, Eric Fenske  
Judy Schurman

**Men's Club**-The picnic was a success. We had around 1850 people attend. The wristbands worked out well. The quiet signs around the chapel worked well also. Doris mentioned that it was the most well organized of the picnics. A few people asked about the mini raffle, but the 50/50 drawing worked well and netted almost as much as the mini raffle normally does but with less expense and work.

**Men's Club** had 2 regular meetings and the election of officers. They are talking about having a parish breakfast sometime soon with omelet stations and things of that order.

**The Knights of Columbus** had the Fr. Leo Golf Outing, which was sold out. The Golf Club raffle netted \$2000. The Food and Wine Tasting will be October 21<sup>st</sup> from 2-5 p.m. located in the vestibule and hall. The \$35 ticket ended and will now be \$40 per ticket. We have a credit card machine now too. Ticket sales are going well. The goal is to sell tickets to over 300 people and over ½ of the tickets have been sold.

**Knights of Columbus:**The parish breakfast was a success. Both families that won the 50/50 Raffle donated their winnings back. Around \$1500 went to the Lakes Area Right to Life as a donation. Father is going to start writing about stem cell research as research has found that the infant stem cells are not that great of a benefit. The church allows research on adult stem cells as that doesn't cost anyone's life.

**The Knights** had their nominations. Larry Paffi is the new Grand Knight and Jack Washburn is the District Deputy for the Lakes Vicariate. Knights installed the Squires Circle and 22 young men joined the Squires. They will run as a separate organization but they will have adult direction from the Knights members. Art said that K of C gave them seed money but it will be paid back when they raise their own money. We are the first Oakland County parish to have a Squires organization. Don Owens and Bob Pepper will be their Counselors.

**Women's Club:** Jo Ann Stammersky reported for the Women's Club. We do not have a chairman just yet for the New Year's Eve Party but there are lots of volunteers. There will be a Bake Sale the weekend of November 17 and 18. There will also be another Santa's Workshop. There was a \$700-\$800 profit last year.

**Worship/Evangelization:** Jan Tighe mentioned that a Religious Goods Store is still on the hopeful list. There was some discussion about how that would be most effective and Eric had some suggestions to make it more of an ordering process rather than a fully stocked store.

**According to Fr. Leo** we are looking at possible automatic debit for weekly giving or other giving needs.

**Funerals and weddings** are a great evangelization tool as well as the things that the church ministries sponsor such as the Wine and Cheese tasting and the New Year's Party. Jan says that the chapel has been great for giving people a place to go after the funeral is over. Jo Ann mentioned that the personalization of the altar is really special for families. Fr. Leo said that Jan takes notes when she talks with families that help him personalize the homilies. Scot mentioned that he brought a family to the school but was told that the adults need to go to RCIA if they are going to be bringing the children to Catechism. Jan said Trunks and Treats would be a perfect opportunity to bring the family to church. It will be October 26<sup>th</sup> this year.

There won't be **RCIA for Children** this year since Jill feels that the children will do better in Religious Education. Jan mentioned a story of a family that Fr. Leo helped with money who are now going to join RCIA and become members of the church.

**Deacon Art** said that they have children in Middle School that are allowed to bring friends, which is a good outreach.

**Father Leo** said that there is a Parish out west that is a model for a 10 percent tithe and it is something we need to work towards.

**Deacon Art** asked about the Tridentine Mass. Father Leo said that they discussed it at the Vicariate meeting but there would be many rules to be followed before it could happen. There may be a few churches that will offer it but it doesn't look like there will be many. Father Leo said that we will not ever go back to the Latin Mass but some of the pre-Vatican ways might be coming back.

**Jan, Father and Art** discussed some of the new procedures for the new directives for the treatment of consecrated wine after Mass. The Parish bought a new set of chalices and a wine bottle so that the Sacristans would not be under too much pressure to get the cups washed if time gets short between Masses. We will be instituting the new procedure the last weekend of September after everyone has been trained.

**Worship/Evangelization:** Jan went over notes. A separate sheet with details is attached. Father explained what the Life in the Spirit seminar would offer the parish.

**Kof C** will probably do the bread and soup during Lent again.

**Father Leo's flavorings.** Kathy Thomas will be leaving as Jeff took a job in Texas and she will be joining him when she sells the house. Heidi DeVita will be taking over Kathy's responsibilities on a part time basis. Art said to make sure that Heidi knows to call on him for help with pre marriage classes.

**Building Project:** Father said that we are still waiting for a possible grant and we are 99% sure that we are going to get it.

**The Diocese** is set up legally as sole owner of every parish. The Diocese decided to set each parish as an LLC. We will get a form and instructions but in effect, nothing will change. One possible benefit is that an LLC could get more creative with financing for building funds.

**CSA Collection** went about \$16,000 over our goal. Father was very grateful for the response from the parish. He would like to have enough money to really be able to help people. We help a lot already but he felt that we should be able to help more.

**Next meeting will be October 23.**