

Parish Council, September 23, 2008

Those present: Fr. Leo, Eric Fenske, Deacon Art, Scot Laramee, Cindie Audia, Gloria Konarzewski., Denise Godin, JoAnn Stammersky, Doris Cameron, Judy Bonish.

Vocations: Eric Fenske asked about trips to the seminary as a parish to encourage boys to look into vocations. Deacon Art is in charge of vocations. Gloria mentioned that it would be nice to ask some of the seminarians to come out for activities. It has been helpful in the past as the kids get to know the young men who are working towards a vocation. Eric talked about an apostolic program that he and his boys are involved in.

Father Leo will follow up with Fr. Bernie to see how we can incorporate some of these programs with our young men to foster vocations. Eric's wife Christine wants to foster a group for young girls but Father said that the group is not one that we can have at this point.

Young Adult Program: There was a lot of discussion about different programs to for girls and boys to help keep them involved and active in their faith. There is a young adult program being started by a couple of young women who went through the youth group. Heather Woodcox will be speaking this weekend at the Masses on the subject.

Worship/Evangelization notes are on a separate sheet. Father Leo went over the notes with everyone.

Christian Service: Denise Godin went over the schedule. Notes are attached. FEMA food delivery today was 7000 lbs. The families that are taking part in the food program have doubled since last year.

Blood Drive: Father suggested that we have a monitored table for scheduling for the blood drive 2-3 weeks in advance before and after all Masses.

Youth Group event calendar is attached. Gloria went over it with everyone. 44 kids attended the bonfire and they were an enjoyable group. The regular meeting is every Sunday 7-9 p.m. unless noted. There is a mixture of service and fun events as well as Parish and Vicariate events. They will have topics of discussion and the kids will help plan the meetings. They are also planning a tour of the Father Solanus Center.

Family Life schedule is attached. Father went over.

M-Cause: Scot Laramee attended an M-Cause meeting to defeat Proposal 2. It is an interdenominational committee to keep Proposal 2 from passing. Knights of Columbus gave money to help. On Oct. 6th 8:30 –9:30 a.m. at Baker's of Milford there will be a meeting of all area pastors and their representatives to educate, fund raise and get speakers. Father will send a letter to every home asking parishioners to Vote "No."

Women's Club-Judy Bonish spoke about helping women in shelters. Pat Zimmerman is making contact with three area shelters. Women's Club will be creating shower bags with hand towels and filling with toiletries for women coming into the shelter with nothing. Women's Club is hoping to make this an ongoing effort since the need is great right now.

Women's Club will have the **Santa Shop** again as it is very popular with the kids.

Jubilarian Dinner is in October and the **Bake Sale** is the weekend before Thanksgiving.

The Vicariate Meeting will be hosted by Holy Spirit on October 14th with about 50 people attending.

The next **Parish Council** meeting will be Tuesday October 28 at 7 p.m.