

St. Mary's Pastoral Council

St. Mary's Office Building

Agenda /NOTES

5 April 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Chairwoman, Bev Tolle

Moment of silence to reflect on the Presence of the Lord:

Opening Prayer: All, led by Bob Fyffe

Roll Call: Secretary:

Present: Robert Fyffe, Dennis Alberta, Father Hummer, Joy Maxwell, Marilyn Evans, Mark Unger, Rachel Corcoran, Katie Boesch, Dave Lanning, Don Gatchell, Sue Blum

Absent: Bev Tolle, Mike Benson, Ray Martin, Laura Corcoran, Karen Leeth, Jen Slater Diane Neal, Dianne Morgan,

Recognition of Visitors: Melony Kennedy

Spiritual Reading, Reflection, and Faith Sharing: Father Hummer shared from John's Gospel, that John sometimes leads in one direction only to mean something else. Jesus explains that the Son has the same authority as the Father yet, people often leave Jesus when He is needed the most. The gospel reading reinforces that we must remain faithful to the Son, Christ Jesus.

Reading of the Pastoral Council Constitution: Katie Boesch read Article VIII; **Article IX** will be read at the May meeting.

Approval of the Minutes: Approved.

Chairman's Remarks: None

Committee Reports:

Spiritual Life - Katie Boesch

Four people were received into the church at Easter.

First Eucharist is Saturday, April 8 at 11 a.m. Seventeen children will be receiving.

Reminder: Baccalaureate Mass will be Sunday, May 14th at 11:00 a.m.

Education –Sue Blum

We had 22 students representing Bishop Flaget at the District Science Fair in Athens. Aiden Spaulding, Stephanie Hirsch, Jacob Littler, Avery Brown and Danielle Fleurima all received superior ratings and will advance to the State Science Day in May.

Congratulations to Nilla Rajan who came in 3rd in the Regional spelling bee. This is Nilla's second appearance at the Regional Bee.

Bishop Flaget was also represented at the Ohio Bluebird Conference where Mrs. Hill spoke about the success of our bluebird trail at the school.

Kindergarten Screening will be April 11th. Current Flaget preschoolers and prekindergarteners that have filled out a kindergarten application will be screened. Anyone who is considering sending their child to Flaget as a new student for kindergarten will need to contact the office to schedule a screening.

Living Stations of the Cross will be presented by the Junior High April 12th at 11:45. All are invited to attend.

Thank you to all that have supported the Friday fish fries to benefit the Junior High class trip to New York. They will be on their trip April 18th-22nd.

The spring play "Cinderella" will be presented on May 4th with an encore presentation and "Princess Party" for the community on May 6th. Tickets must be purchased for the May 6th presentation, call the office for details.

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Social Concerns - Dave Lanning reviewed the stats for March. There were 161 visits with a total of \$3989.54 distributed. The largest dollar amounts went to food and utilities respectively.

Family Life & Lazarus Committee – Katie Boesch (for Karen Leeth)

There will be no Coffee & Donuts during the month of April due to Lent. See you back in May!

We will have small receptions during our Holy Week celebrations. Tuesday, April 11th and Wednesday, April 12th. Please join us!

Our committee would love for you to consider getting involved with our group but most importantly serve God, find fellowship and meet the needs of our parish. Please contact Karen Leeth at 703-8582, or leethfamily@roadrunner.com to get involved.

Lazarus Committee

Thank you to the Lazarus committee for all the wonderful food and support they give our parish families. They served luncheons in the month of March for the family and friends of James Burns & Harry Matheny. If you would like to help or just provide a dish please contact Pat Reed at the church or Karen Leeth. Food is always welcome.

Father Hummer also extended a plea for new help with the Lazarus Committee, especially during high volume times.

Finance Council

There will be a meeting in May. Work on the Rectory has begun and the new carpet has been selected.

Deanery Report: No report

Knights of Columbus

June 4th is set for a Golf Outing at the VA golf course. Check in is at noon.

ONLY 6 TICKETS LEFT: June 18th is the annual trip to see the Cincinnati Reds. Bus/game \$45/person. Contact Greg Davis.

See the bulletin for upcoming KofC events

Pastors Report – Father Hummer thanked KofC for the St. Patty's day party.

Old Business:

Senior Citizen Assistance Program: Melody Kennedy:

We continue to be quietly busy. The figures contained herein cover a two month period.

Eucharistic Visits – 151 by numerous volunteers

Phone calls to cheer shut-ins – 30

Knitting lesson – 2 plus one more scheduled

Meals – 5

Letters of good wishes – 3 (plus cards that Mrs. Lanning sends)

Gave 1 scapular medal and 2 books to shut-ins.

Credit and appreciation to Dottie Fogle for gathering 11 Catholics at her nursing home and getting them to attend church services

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150 Year Anniversary of the Church: Karen Leeth

March, we hosted along with the Knights of Columbus, a St. Patrick's Irish Dinner & Movie on March 18th. Kudos to Ned Boggs, Marlene Holman and Sharon Wagner for an incredible celebration! The dinner was perfect. Tom Shea prepared corn beef which was amazing. But we had several other Irish dishes that were brought in by the parishioners. Everyone enjoyed all the different Irish food. The center was beautiful decorated and very festive. We had a special guest Bob Hess that gave a wonderful tribute to Tom Burke and sang an Irish tune, "When Irish eyes are smiling" And we ended out the evening with a great Irish movie, popcorn and snacks, which made for a very relaxing evening filled with laughter. We served about 90 people. Thank you to all who came out and brought a dish to share, and a special thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their help in prepping and prepares food and clean-up is always a huge

April, we will have another History Month which will incorporate some of our school memorabilia. Don't miss viewing these wonderful displays. These displays are a representation of who we are!

The Directory is almost ready, still missing just a few details.

New Business: Pastoral Council recruiting process starts in May, with new members being selected by the Holy Spirit through Father Hummer's hand, at the end of the Saturday Pentecost Mass in June. Traditionally, an outgoing member (leaving pastoral council in 2017) chairs the recruiting committee, which is made up of the newest members of the Pastoral Council, who were selected in 2016. The new members develop a short essay about their experience as a member of the pastoral council and will present it at the end of one of 3 Masses, several weeks ahead of the selection and explain the nomination and selection process. After the Mass the member speaks at, they will collect names of nominees. After the names are collected, the people who were nominated are called by the recruiting committee who encourage accepting the nomination. Once the calls are made, the names of those accepting the nomination will be put into the hat for the selection process.

Correspondence: None

Secret Collection for St. Vincent de Paul:

Moment of silence:

Closing Prayer: Liturgy of the Hours Night Prayer

Next meeting: May 3rd, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

Pastoral Council Prayer Schedule: May: Joy Maxwell