

Members present:

Jeff & Jo Coon, Deb Cuddy, Cay Kolling, Matthew Mittelstaedt, Ryan Siegel, Lexe Volk, Anne Wend, Charmaine Owen, Deacon Rupp, Fr. John

Opening Faith Reflection: Matthew Mittelstaedt

Fr. Johns Report:

-We are moving forward on the new Baptismal Font. There will be a rep from the company at St. Charles in two weeks.

-It was discussed at the last Deanery meeting that the Bishop would like to restart the Diocesan Pastoral Council. There will be an opportunity for St. Charles to be represented on the Council.

Charmaine's Report:

-The 1st Reconciliation, 1st Communion and Confirmation components of our program have been revamped for the new school year. Parents and catechists have been contacted.

-Religious Education begins September 13 & 16.

-VBS was cancelled for the younger children due to low numbers. The Jr. & Sr. high classes went forward as did the adult that had anywhere from 15-28 people attending daily.

Deacon Jim:

-He will be teaching 6th grade

-Will be participating in RCIA

-There will be Bible Study after 8:30 am Mass. It is set to begin September 13th. It will be a study of the Gospel of Mark.

Fr. John gave an update on the youth:

-There will be new youth members starting this fall.

-The Timothy retreat will be October 9 & 10th.

-A good group attended CLI in Springfield

Old Business:

-The Advent Retreat was discussed. Fr. John has contacted Fr. Jacob of the St. Bernard Abbey. The theme of the retreat is still being discussed.

-Pictures are now being taken for the new Directory. The Council will be finalizing different aspects of the Directory in the coming weeks.

New Business:

There are many upcoming dates to mark on our calendars, we have a busy late summer/fall schedule.

8/22-Womens Auxiliary benefitting St. Vincent De Paul

8/23- Kick Off Religious Education Pancake Party

9/19 & 20- Immaculate Conception Picnic

9/26-Walk for the Poor, St. Vincent De Paul

9/26-Mass and picnic at Lincoln Log Cabin

10/2-Notre Dame Folk Choir

10/10-Parents weekend at EIU-5:00 Mass at Newman

10/11- October Fest at Newman-Beer and a Band

11/14-Bazaar at St. Charles & Newman Night

The next meeting will be September 2, 2015 with Deb Cuddy giving the opening Faith Reflection.