

Pastoral Council Minutes - 10/1/14

Present: Father John, Charmaine Owens, Deacon Jim Rupp, Kay Endsley, Ryan Siegel, Matt Mittelstaedt, Cay Kolling, Deb Cuddy, Michael Smith, John Schmitz, Mary White

Opening Faith Reflection provided by Kay Endsley.

Council Leadership Assigned: President: Mary White / Secretary: Lexe Volk

Reports:

Youth Report per Michael Smith – Michael attended and reported on both the Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI) and Advanced Catholic Training (ACT) events that both he and Catherine Smith participated in and felt fully enriched by the experience.

Upcoming events: The Timothy Retreat for 7th & 8th graders. Projected date: November 7 - 8th. Information re the event will be shared at upcoming religious education classes as well as the bulletin.

Deacon Jim Report – Ongoing ministries: RCIA, PSR, Visit of the Shut-ins.

Deacon Jim will preach on the dates of 10/5 & 10/6.

Upcoming event: Deacon Jim has re-organized the Luisa DiPietro Memorial Library (originally opened in 1996). The grand opening is anticipated for Sunday October 12th! The reading material will be arranged per topic and there will be a simple check out process for user's ease. The library will be open to everyone for approximately 15 minutes after each Mass.

Charmaine's Report – RCIA has begun with 3 individuals participating. Safe Environment sessions in the process of being offered to Pre-K to 12th grades. A Protecting God's Children session was offered in September and the next is scheduled in house in February for all volunteers and ministry members 18 and over.

Upcoming events: Symbolon Sundays – A short video presentation with discussion (similar to what is currently offered in RCIA) will be facilitated by the religious education staff. It will be offered the 2nd Sunday of every month. In addition, a Catholic Q&A event will be offered on alternate Sundays after mass and Fridays at 9am.

Father John's Report – Thanks given to Kay Endsley for creating a picture board for our Seminarians, Quinn Hussey and Thomas Schniers, currently displayed in the vestibule. Father also provided thanks to those that attended Mass at Lincoln Log Cabin – the event was well attended and enjoyed by all. Announced Michael Smith is the newly assigned Chief Squire and many upcoming activities are currently being planned. Fr. John also requested the revelations shared related to our spiritual time spent at Adoration be publicized in the bulletin. Father also encouraged welcoming members of our community back to the church to fully participate in the sacraments.

Business Items:

Mission Statement: Reviewed and discussed. Committee will plan re-work and completion by October 20th for placement in the Bulletin.

Parish Feast Day Nov 2nd – Details and menu reviewed with Ryan Siegel representing the Knights of Columbus. All Souls memorial service reviewed per Charmaine.

Parish Mission: Information presented by Matt M and Deb C - Advent and Lent events reviewed. Recommendations for the Apostles of the Interior Life discussed. Proposed time frame: Lent 2015. Matt to check availability for Feb/March.

Topic for Discussion presented by Ryan Siegel: Where are all the Charleston Catholics?

It was reported that approximately 500 people are in attendance at Mass each weekend related to the percentage of Catholics estimated to be in the area. Further discussion continued on improving our ability to reach out to all and invite them back to the celebration of the Mass and Sacraments. Plans are underway to re-implement the Welcome Ministry. October – parish attendance count

Important Dates:

Oct 4 - Pet Blessing

Oct 5 - Life Chain 2-3p / Living Rosary 7p

Nov 1 - Newman Night

Nov 2 - Feast Day Celebration

Nov 7-8 – Timothy Retreat

Nov 15 – Holiday Bazaar

Next Meeting: November 5th at 7p with Opening Reflection by Jim Rupp

Closing Prayer – Father John