

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES – August 2, 2017**

**Members Present:** Jeff and Jo Coon, Deb Cuddy, Matthew Mittelstaedt, Mindi O'Rourke, Ryan Siegel, Lexe Volk, Anne Wend, Mary White, Deacon Jeff Beals, Fr. Hyland and youth representatives Michael Kuznicki and Angie Buescher

**Opening Faith Reflection** offered by Deacon Jeff

**Fr. Hyland's Report:**

- Deacon Mark has moved on to Springfield.
- New Mass Schedule
  - \* Starting August 17, Thursday Mass will be 5:00 pm at Newman. Adoration will follow from 5:30 to 6:30 pm closing with Benediction.
  - \* Starting August 20, Sunday evening Mass at Newman will change to 5:00 pm instead of 9:00 pm.
  - \* All updated times will be posted in the bulletin.

**Deacon Jeff's Report:**

- Deacon Jeff will be assisting with Mass on Wednesday mornings.
- Wednesday morning scripture study will continue.
- Religious Education
  - \* Classes are scheduled to start September 17.
  - \* Catechists are still needed.
  - \* This is a Confirmation year. The date is April 27, 2018. There are about 25 participants at this time.
- The Parish picnic is scheduled for September 23, at Lincoln Log Cabin. Mass will be at 4:00 pm with a potluck to follow.
- Formation of an RCIA team is underway. This will be the start of a permanent Ministry to assist in all areas of the process.

**Youth Report:**

- There were 15 attendees to Catholic Heart Work Camp. Deacon Mark also attended.
- Carol Strode took some youth to Camp New Hope to make beds and prepare rooms for new move-ins.
- The youth helped the KC's at Red, White and Blue days on July 3 & 4 with the lemon shake-ups.
- Deacon Mark led Bible study for the last 5 weeks. 10 to 12 youth attended.

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**Youth Report Continued:**

- The high school youth went rafting on the Ocoee River in June.
- The middle school youth had an overnight stay at Holiday World and went caving in Indiana.
- Fundraising Activities
  - \* The Blatnik Family planned a cook-out after Mass. Approximately \$800 was raised.
  - \* The youth have been working the gates at the Coles County Fair.

**Old Business:**

- AED is installed in the prayer chapel.
- Parish Summer Celebration
  - \* Mary White indicated that the numbers were down. Many people were out of town and some other large functions were also scheduled for the same date.
  - \* Future planning will include discussion on ways to improve fellowship.
- Advent Mission
  - \* Scheduled for December 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> in the evenings. Refreshments will follow each evening service.
  - \* Fr. Chuck Edwards of our Diocese will be the presenter. He will also be here for the weekend Masses on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - \* He will be speaking on Intentional Discipleship.
- Diocesan Synod
  - \* Matt gave a report.
  - \* Discussion centered on parts 4 and 5.
  - \* The final sections will be discussed at the meeting next month. The Finance Council will be invited to attend the meeting.

**New Business:**

- Discussed the maintenance of the Church. Fr. Hyland will follow up.

**Closing Prayer** offered by Fr. Hyland

**Faith Reflection Assignment** – Deb Cuddy

**Next meeting:** September 6 @ 7:00 pm