

Parish Life Minutes
January 25, 2010

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Camille Penders.

Bereavement – We have not had a funeral since November.

CCW –Nadine Keane reported the Mardi Gras Dinner and Dance will be Saturday, 2/13 to benefit international charities. Chef Tom Delaney will do food, and Savannah Steve will be DJ. Guests are encouraged to wear Mardi Gras attire. King & Queen will be crowned, and baskets will be raffled. Tickets are available after Mass and in Office. Council will host annual St William/St Francis Lenten retreat on 3/13 from 9am-2pm with Fr. Leo Kennedy as speaker. Event is free and open to all women and friends. New Mystery Dinner Theater, themed around Roaring 20's, will be on 4/17.

Choir – Jan reported several people told her the young people's piano concert was very good.

Facilities Planning– Jan reported old water pipe that burst was fixed with no damage and only inconvenience of missing RE/JCYM/CYM classes that day.

Hospitality –Jan reported St. Patrick's Party will be on March 6, and Confirmation reception and Graduate Breakfast will be on May 23.

Martial Arts – No report.

Office – Jan reported \$15,000 received in collection for Haiti. Bishop's Appeal to begin February 7. Italian Feast will be January 30.

Outreach Ministries –Bill Horn reported our Eucharistic Ministers are very faithful going to hospital Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays as well as Magnolia Manor and shut-in's homes. Fran Wasko and Jan Borsh continue to arrange transportation needs. Diane Smith and Carol Roberts are in Haiti. St. Joseph Church and rectory in Cote de Fer damaged, but people are OK. Fr. Jude hoping to visit.

Parish Council – No report.

Primetimers –Next meeting is February 4. Brown bag and old love songs are the agenda.

Religious Education – Catherine Caauwe submitted a report that RE classes are well attended. Classes not scheduled for 12/20 & 1/17 to see how attendance was affected by holidays. Burst pipe cancelled all classes on 1/10. Confirmandi will attend the NET Ministries retreat in Kings Bay on February 14. Honey Creek retreat cancelled.

RCIA – Rite of Sending will be February 13, and Rite of Election will be at Cathedral on February 21. She has had inquiries about next year's RCIA.

Right to Life – Norma McIntyre reported monthly meetings are now on 4th Monday of month. Carolyn Favole and Wiltz Bernard have stepped down as Presidents, and group is looking to fill the vacancies. Greg Smilski will continue as Treasurer, and Norma will serve as Secretary. Together for Life prayer service was held on January 22 at noon on City Hall steps with one of largest crowds in years.

St. Vincent DePaul – Ray Jarvis reported that Holy Nativity is beginning to hold collection on 3rd Sunday of each month, and local Chapter will assist McIntosh County until they are able to get their own Chapter. Truckload of clothes was given them. 2009 donor letters are almost complete, and the annual reports have been sent to St. Louis. \$84,000 was given away in 2009, and 1,000 families received food. They have experienced a 10% donation increase every year since 2007 (\$63,00 to \$72,000 to \$80,000). Their 2010 goal is to recruit younger workers and hope to provide a nursery so that young moms could volunteer for a few hours. Chapter plans on computer and software upgrade. Ray is preparing a "wish list" in order to be prepared when someone wants to donate for a specific use.

Worship – Jan reported Ash Wednesday Masses on February 17 will be at 8:15am & 6pm, with Aid to Eastern Europe Collection. Secular Franciscans will offer Lenten Suppers at 6pm prior to Stations at 7pm except for March 5, when the RCIA Class will host the supper. RCIA Scrutinies will be on 3/6 at 5:30pm, 3/14 at 8am, and 3/21 at 10:30am. Contemporary Mass will be March 21 at 6pm, and 7th Graders will be anointed by parents and make Pledge of Commitment. Live Stations will be 3/26 at 8pm. Catholic Relief Services collection will be 3/27-28. Chrism Mass will be on 3/30 at 7pm at Cathedral. Holy Thursday Mass will be on 4/1 at 7:30pm; Good Friday Stations on 4/2 at noon with Liturgy at 7:30pm. Easter Vigil practice on 4/3 at 9:30am, and food will be blessed at 11am. Easter Vigil will be at 8pm, followed by RCIA reception in hall. Fr. Jim Dahlinger will be here to assist with Holy Week and Easter Masses. Easter Masses are at 8am, 10am and Noon in church and at 8:15am and 10:15am in hall. Priests' Retirement will be taken.

Youth Ministry – No report.

Roundtable – Jan reported for Norma McIntyre that 1st Saturday Devotion attendance has increased. A parishioner loans us a pilgrim sized Our Lady of Fatima to use during devotions. Marian Movement of Priests continues to meet on Mondays at 1:30pm in Room 6 to pray for active, retired and deceased priests; for seminarians; and, for increase in vocations. Divine Mercy presentation will be in hall after Coffee and Doughnuts on 3/28. Novena will begin on Good Friday, 4/2, and end on 4/10. Divine Mercy Sunday celebration will be 4/12 at 3pm in church.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 22, at 5pm.

Jan Roberts