

Minutes of Stewardship Committee Meeting Monday October 19, 2009

Attending: Father Ragan, Mary Davis, Steve Givens, John Prohaska, Kim Welsh, James Hutto, and Charles Whatley

Steve opened the meeting with prayer.

We reviewed the Stewardship Renewal Tasks and timeline. The weekend of October 31st, there will be a follow up appeal from the pulpit by the celebrant at each Mass

The decision was made to leave the commitment cards in the pews.

Mary explained the Pledge Gift Comparison – Summary. 554 cards have been turned in already.

Charles suggested that the pulpit speakers on Stewardship next year be “new” tithers.

We reviewed the needs for the Leadership Gathering. Steve will speak at the leadership meeting. He can get an outline of what to say from CSC.

Drinks: Charles Whatley – try to patronize a parishioner –

Brownies & choc chip cookies – Kim

Dessert - Mary

? – James to ask Ashlyn if she will make dessert

? – Alice – dessert (?)

All paper products taken care of per Mary

Trinkets – pens and magnetic memo pads per Mary

Set up – done by Jimmy

Clean up – any members available

Each committee member was assigned a group of ministries that they will be responsible for contacting – ministry leaders who have not RSVP’ed or those who have sent “regrets” will be contacted by phone Oct 29 – Committee members are to determine if leaders are coming to the leadership meeting and if not, find out who will attend in their place – goal is to have each ministry represented

Groups are based on copy of stewardship card provided by Steve

Group 1 – Steve

Group 2 – John

Group 3 – Kim

Group 4 – James

Group 5- Charles

Group 6 – Alice

Group 7- Tommy

Group 8- Rick

Group 9 – Mary

Group 10-Steve

These same groups will be used to make follow up phone calls to leaders.

Kim to send the following reminder to Debra Ryan at the school. This reminder is to be sent this week by email and bookbag mail to every parent at the school.

Reminder to all Stewardship Families:

All stewardship commitment cards are to be turned in to the church office no later than Friday October 30, 2009. Families who do not have a current commitment card on file with the church office by Friday October 30, 2009 will be placed on tuition.

If you do not have a commitment card please contact the church office at 706-733-6627.

Reiterated that the goal is to increase the number of commitment cards turned in by 5%. Discussed sending a personalized letter to parishioners who do not turn in a card. First need to determine if these people are even attending church

Ideas for improvement: John suggested media presentation by email and during Mass – utilize the state of the art film/production facilities at ASU – to reach those not participating in stewardship. John will research for the committee.

Steve closed with a prayer.

Next meeting 11/16/09 at 5:15 in the Parish Hall.

TALENT

Using My Talents

in Parish Ministries

You can find out more about each of the ministries listed below in your ministry catalogue. When you sign up, the leader will call to explain how to get involved.

Currently involved **Interested in joining**
Please clearly write the first name of interested or involved family member on the line.

WORSHIP

Altar Server is respectful and reverent assistant that take honor in serving the Lord at Mass.

Altar Society care for the altar linens used in the Eucharistic celebration.

Baptism Coordinator calls the families that have registered for a baptism, and are present during the baptism to assist the families and priest as needed.

Children's Liturgy of the Word adult volunteer helps supervise the children and helps teach them about the Word of God.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (appointed by Pastor) assist the priests and deacons in distributing Holy Communion at Mass.

Family Adoration adults and children of ALL ages are welcome.

Gift Bearer, individual or family, brings the offertory gifts to the altar during Mass.

Lecter (Audition Required) proclaims His word for our Christian community.

Music Ministry Parish Choir (Audition Required) sings every Sunday at the 10:30 am Mass.

Contemporary Choir (Audition Required) sings every Sunday at the 12:15 pm Mass.

Youth Choir sings every Sunday at the 6:00 pm Mass.

Perpetual Adoration Ministry spends time in meditation, prayer, and adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament

Sacristan set the table for the Lord's Supper Usher greets parishioners and guests with a friendly smile.

Worship Commission provides for the spiritual life of our parish. Members are appointed by the pastor.

FAITH FORMATION

Adult Faith Formation Ministry is dedicated to devising and carrying out programs for adults to grow as mature Catholics.

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FAMILIA provides fathers and mothers the tools to build families that are faithful and strong in action through study and discussion of the Church's teachings on marriage and family life.

Men's Faith Group uses a format of reflection, prayer and discussion questions.

Second Wednesday is a monthly series presented by Dr. John McCormack focusing on the ways in which faith and science intersect.

Small Faith Sharing Groups meet in private homes to discuss the Sunday readings and share how these readings relate to their daily lives.

Sunday Morning Faith Formation uses a combination of discussion, handouts, and videos to teach about the faith.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Volunteer helps children to explore their relationship with God.

CCD Volunteer (Sunday Religious Formation) helps with the religious formation program for parish elementary and middle school students who attend non-Catholic schools.

Family Night Workshop Volunteer helps to provide an environment where families share their faith together doing activities.

Gathering team member reaches out to those no longer practicing their Catholic faith and help them return to the church.

Natural Family Planning a system of fertility awareness.

Retrouvaille is for married couples who need help because they have reached a crisis in their marriage.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) team member helps adults learn about the Catholic Faith and helps prepare them to enter the Catholic Church if they so desire.

Rosary Devotion meet for devotion to the Blessed Mother in a group setting.

St. Mary's Prayer Group prays for a greater fulfillment of the Holy Spirit and his gifts into all of us and our nation through prayer, praise and thanksgiving.

St. Mary's School Volunteer helps in the classrooms, copy room, lunchroom, media center, etc.

Vacation Bible School Volunteer helps with offering a fun and exciting program to bring the youth close to Jesus in the Summer of 2010.

Faith Formation Commission provides life-long spiritual formation of the parish and spreading the good news of Christ to others. Members are appointed by the pastor.

TREASURE

Making a Consistent

Gift to the Offertory

In thanksgiving for God's gifts, each household at St. Mary's is asked to budget a generous gift to the offertory in proportion to your income.

8% to St. Mary

1% to the Diocese

1% to charity

My Offertory pledge to St. Mary's

for the calendar year 2010:

Weekly giving based on proportion of income.

Weekly Giving Chart

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COMMUNITY & PASTORAL CARE

- Augusta Young Adult Ministry is a ministry of the Catholic parishes in the Augusta deanery for our young adult (ages 18 - 35) population.
- Baptismal Bib Sewing Ministry** sew beautiful baptismal bibs for the infants who are baptized at St. Mary's.
- Casseroles to Go Ministry cook casseroles and store them in the Parish Hall freezer.
- Challenge Volunteer helps girls form a friendship with Christ through the National network of Catholic clubs and camps.
- Church Nursery Volunteer** provides a safe and happy environment for children through age 4, whose parents are attending Mass.
- Conquest Club Volunteer** trains boys to become self-disciplined and confident young men, Catholic leader.
- Consolation Ministry** is dedicated to providing spiritual, emotional, and practical support to the ill, the homebound and to those who have a death in the family.
- Apron Ministry** helps bereaved families by assisting with home and kitchen duties.
- Bereavement Basket Ministry** provides support to our brothers and sisters in Christ during their time of mourning.
- Elizabeth Ministry** member offers support and companionship to families during the joys, trials and sorrows of the childbearing years.
- Forward in Faith** provides support to widows and widowers.
- Parish Visitation Team** (Appointed by Pastor) member takes Communion and shares the Word of God to those who are recovering from illness, who are homebound or in area nursing homes.
- Couple Counseling** is for couples who need professional marriage counseling.
- Couple's Night Out Volunteer** helps to provide adult Christian fellowship and fun without the worries of preparing dinner and finding childcare.
- Cursillo** is an evangelization movement of the Catholic Church which seeks to bring people closer to Christ through positive Christian example and small group sharing.
- Gabriel Guild** (Parish Public Relations) member promotes public awareness of the Parish and its activities throughout the diocese and in the local community.
- Intercessory Prayer Team** member prays for the needs of our fellow parishioners.
- Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch** meet at different restaurants around town.
- Legion of Mary** member seeks to promote devotion to the Blessed Mother.
- Men's Basketball** play basketball.
- Mothers Day Out/PreSchool** is a fun and loving environment for your child (ages 6 weeks to start of Kindergarten).

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- Neighborhood Dinner Host** coordinates potluck dinner among parishioners who live in your neighborhood.
- Newcomers Welcoming Ministry** welcomes newly registered members of the St. Mary on the Hill community.
- Parish Reception Team** members help with receptions such as welcoming and farewell, confirmation & first communion.
- Parish Socials Team** members help with planning parish events such as International Dinner, Breakfast with Santa, Father/Daughter Dance.
- Pilgrim Queen of Mary** Group member promotes Family praying of the Holy Rosary for the Church, the Pope, the family and vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.
- Rosary Ministry of Our Lady** member comes together to make cord knotted rosaries for our military and many missions throughout the world.
- St. Joseph's Guild** member works to enhance the beauty of our church and school campuses.
- St. Mary Council of Catholic Women** is an organization whose mission is to promote Catholic unity for women and to support the Church and various other charitable causes.
- SCOUTS** (Cub & Boy Scouts) helps develop strong values and leadership skills that stay with youth throughout their lives.
- Secular Franciscan** a community of Catholic men and women who seek to pattern their lives after Christ by living the Gospels in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi.
- Senior Citizens Center** offers regular programs such as bingo, line dancing, bridge, movies and more.
- Seniors Luncheon** everyone is welcome to come and eat, or help serve or clean up.
- Volleyball** is for adults interested in playing.
- Walking Aerobics** is open to men & women (all ages)
- Wednesday Breakfast Club** parents & children attend the 7:00 am Mass together and then enjoy a quick breakfast together.
- Wednesday Night Family Supper Server** helps set up, serve and clean up.
- Youth Ministry Volunteer** helps with the youth program in meetings, social events, retreats, service projects, etc.
- 7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free** faith-based personal money management small group study, financial freedom, avoiding debt, and spending plans are discussed.
- Community and Pastoral Care Commission** draws together the parish family in mutual support, activity, celebration and growth. Members are appointed by the pastor.

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SERVICE

- Birthright of Augusta
- Blood Drive
- Catholic Social Services
- Golden Harvest Food Bank
- Habitat for Humanity
- Hospice
- Interfaith Hospitality Network of Augusta
- Kairos Prison Ministry
- Knights of Columbus
- Ladies Auxiliary Knights of Columbus
- The Masters Table Soup Kitchen
- Pro-Life Ministry
- St. Vincent de Paul Health Center
- Service Commission

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STEWARDSHIP

- Advisory Committee on School Stewardship
- Stewardship Commission

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FINANCE

- St. Mary School Endowment Fund
- Finance Commission
- St. Mary School Endowment

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INDIVIDUAL RESOURCES

Please list a special talent in which you can / do offer to the Church