

In Attendance: Fr. Jim Benz, Deacon Mark McCarthy, Ann Ficken, Celeste Leuck, Lynn Owen, Donna Pundmann, Al Rothermich, Tony Scoggin, Laurie Steinkamp, Chris Unterreiner, Deb Young **Excused:** Mary Bryne, Mike Mohrmann, Dan Pelikan,

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm and began with Evening Prayer. Minutes of the June 23 meeting were approved as submitted.

Formation – Evangelii Gaudium - Chapter 2

The overall consensus of the group was that the chapter was a very difficult read and a “downer”. There was discussion about the Pope’s comments against “Trickle-down Economics” and the feeling that the government can’t be expected to solve everything.

Father Jim reflected that the message from the Pope is that we are to take the joy from the Church into our daily lives. A consistent theme is the need for all of us to be a part of a community and that we be committed to helping each other and getting close enough to feel the pain of others. It is important for each of us to figure out where our gifts can be used in evangelization. Evangelization takes many forms – inviting friends to Mass, attending Mass once weekly (in addition to Sunday), praying for specific needs, serving in a soup kitchen, etc. The seeds we sow may have to be harvested by those who follow us. There is a challenge to us as a council – how do we take the joy and apply it to our parish?

Called and Gifted Seminar

Father Jim will register anyone who wishes to attend this seminar the first week-end of September. He is reaching out to other parish groups to see if anyone else would like to go. Donna, Ann, Chris, Deb and Rita House are the list of attendees so far.

SWOT Committee Update

- Group 1 – An initial meeting was held with Bill Matula to learn more about the financial processes of the parish. A second meeting is being scheduled as there is still more to discuss.
- Group 2 – Chris has spoken with the representative from St. Roberts regarding a meeting. He expects to hear back in the next week or so and determine next steps.
- Group 3 – Continuing to encourage attendance at First Saturday Mass each month.
- Group 4 – This group is focused on three main things:
 - Initiating a coffee and donuts event periodically after Mass
 - Developing a parish Welcoming Committee – volunteers will be solicited in the bulletin
 - Run cameos of individual involvement with parish activities. There are a couple of people they would like to invite to share their stories in the bulletin. As a complementary activity, the Stewardship Committee is looking into asking someone from each ministry to speak about them at Masses. The idea would be to have one speak each month.
 - The Peace & Justice Committee is starting a “Bridge Bread” ministry at St. Cletus. This is a program where bread will be sold after Mass each Sunday. The bread is made by homeless individuals and creates job opportunities. There are still several logistics to work out.

An update from each group will occur at the next meeting.

St. Cletus 50th Anniversary Celebration

- Al distributed a proposed calendar of events to be held.
- The major event remains a Mass on September 12, at 5 p.m. with the Archbishop, followed by a formal reception in the gym. There are a number of other smaller events also being planned.

Parish Council Selection Process

As this is the third year for the current council, it is time to begin to think about the selection process for the next council. Each member is asked to prayerfully consider whether we would like to continue on the council. Everyone but Mary is serving their first term and as such is eligible to serve another. In addition, each member is asked to review the criteria for membership found in the Parish Council binders and come to the August meeting with a list of parishioners who could be candidates. Binders should be brought to the next meeting, as the process for selection is found there.

Pastor's Time

- Father distributed minutes from the most recent Stewardship Committee and Adult Formation meetings, as well as notes from the most recent 50th Anniversary Planning meeting.
- He also distributed copies of a letter he sent to all parents of the recent 8th grade graduates to encourage them to stay active in parish life.
- The parish recently had a sound specialist in the church to test the sound throughout the space. He found that the sound is at even levels throughout most of the church, and it would not be cost beneficial to try to fix those few areas where there are problems. He did find some issues with the mixer and we will likely be replacing it.
- Father is investigating audio recording the homilies and putting those on the website instead of just the text as the current practice.

*Next Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, August 25**, 2014 at 7:00.*