

## Mary Mother of the Church

Parish Council Meeting

November 21st, 2013

### Roll Call:

Chair.....	Steve Krieger	Vice Chair.....	Mark Kotcher
Secretary.....	Dick Drury	Admin & Finance.....	Matt Newbold
Athletic.....	Mark Muehl	Christian Service.....	Mike Jarvis
Christian Formation.....	Eileen Carney	Health Ministry.....	Carolyn Duke
Evangelization.....	Peggy Dolter	Youth.....	Ryan Clancy
Liturgy.....	Paul & Sue Schulte	Social.....	Gary & Wendy Franklin
Pastor.....	Msgr Jim Telthorst	Deacon.....	Dick Coffman*
Dir. Rel. Ed.....	Ed Lewandowski*		*Absent

Steve opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:00 pm

Steve introduced Melissa Davenport from St. Paul's parish in Fenton. Melissa was invited to observe our parish council meeting.

Peggy informed all that the 1000 "Rediscover Catholicism" books will arrive this Tues. and will be stored in Steve's warehouse. A sample book insert was distributed. This insert will inform parishioners as to how and when to participate in discussion groups either at church or in parishioner's homes. Dates for discussion groups are to be determined but probably would begin mid to end of Jan. Books will be gift wrapped. We may employ an electronic signup mechanism but will check with Jim Yamnitz to determine how this can be accomplished. A series of 6 discussion sessions may be available for Lent and these might be more effective if presented in parishioners' homes rather than at church. It was suggested that the flip side of the sample book insert provide a prayer. It appears that the cost of the books will be completely paid by donors.

Minutes from the Oct. PC meeting were approved.

Reg. the tithing adhoc committee: Dick reported that the committee has met on 5 occasions and has interviewed numerous key church personnel. The committees' goal is to present recommendations to the PC in Jan. and Feb. Several topics are controversial and so it may take more than one PC meeting to reach consensus.

The Christmas party is Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> at Dick and Carol Drury's house. The party is from 7pm to 11pm and holiday games will be conducted. Please bring a snack to the party.

The photo shoot for the parish directory insert will take place on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> (2P-9P) and Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> (10A-4:30P). Photos will NOT be ready prior to Christmas. 30 families are currently scheduled to have their photos taken. A total of 70 photo slots are available. If a family brings can goods to donate to the photo shoot they receive \$5 off their purchase of photos.

### Commission Reports:

**Social:** No one attended the meeting so no report. Pasta dinner netted about \$1500.

**Evangelization:** An ambassador coordinator is needed. Peggy expressed her enthusiasm for the support of the “Rediscover Catholicism” initiative.

**Health:** Mass of remembrance was Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 81 attended – evaluations of this program were positive. Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> is the healing mass. Regarding the ministry of consolation; support groups are available in the area that we can take advantage of and we steer parishioners to those services, i.e. de Greeff house. The health commission is planning a Fun and Fitness event on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Both a morning and afternoon session are being planned. Carolyn demonstrated a lumbering elephant walk.

**Youth:** Volleyball tournament netted \$400 to \$500 for the youth commission. This money will help pay for individuals to attend Steubenville. The Christmas sale made over \$1000 last weekend and this weekend the sale will continue with the addition of a bake sale. A Bon fire at the Herbst house is tomorrow night and Sat. night is the MM music concert. Some friends are accompanying our youth members on their Wed. night gatherings. Joy FM is starting a new radio station for youth. It was suggested that we visit the “XLT” at St. Catherine’s. Additionally, we may want to contact Sandy Reynolds, the youth director at St. Paul’s in Fenton.

**Christian Service:** The sandwich shop initiative received a short term commitment of \$100 per month from the MM SVDP conference. This will allow the commission to provide healthier sandwiches. A long term solution is being sought. The Christmas giving trees are now up in the back of church and parishioners that participate should bring their wrapped gifts to church on or before Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. The funeral lunch for Father Ed was successful and the remaining food was given to the Karen House. Mike volunteered to help with the archbishop’s initiative to collect signatures to allow for a bill to be placed on the Missouri ballot in 2014. The legislation, if passed, will provide tax credits for donors to non-profit organizations that provide tuition assistance to Missouri students. Funding is divided between public, private and special needs students. This will benefit students in our Catholic School system. Mike will attend a meeting on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> to obtain the detailed information regarding this project. Mike is looking for feedback reg. the “Call to Serve” initiative.

**Christian Formation:** The Saint series is complete and has been well received. There are 5 saint programs available – see Eileen if interested. The “Women’s Conference” is scheduled for Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$35. The Marion Conference is Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> thru Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$25. Registration forms for the “Men’s Conference” will be distributed after the upcoming Men’s ACTS retreat. The “Advent Glow” evening is scheduled for women on Friday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at MM. It is an evening of reflection and music and sign ups sheets are in the back of church. At 7pm on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, a one women performance depicting Sister Faustina will be provided at MM – see Pat Dean.

**Athletics:** We are between sports seasons now. 30 teams participated in our recent volleyball tournament. The Hayride/Bonfire/Mass at our fields was well attended and quite successful. Basketball starts in Jan. and runs through March. The number of MM basketball teams is down from 16 to 11. The commission is reviewing the “Emergency Policy” provided by the health commission.

**Liturgy:** “Come to the Table” program directed at the youth begins this weekend. A children’s lectionary will be used. Children will read the petitions and the homily will be directed to the children. This will take place at the 5pm mass on Sat. and at the 9:30am mass on Sun. Christmas masses will be at 4pm and 6:30pm Christmas Eve and at 9:30am and 11:15am on Christmas day.

**Finance:** Everyone received the Oct. financials and will soon receive the Nov. meeting minutes.

**Vice Chair:** No report

**Steve K:** Met with the solar engineer today and they are evaluating the solar panel installation. We have no one scheduled to attend the pastoral conference this Sat.

**Father T:**

- Reminded commission heads to not report on information that is available in their commission monthly notes.
- Informed the PC that the Philippine relief collection this past Sunday netted about \$7100. Our SVDP conference also donated \$500.
- Distributed numerous handouts regarding programs he received to Peggy, Carolyn and Eileen

Closing prayer by Ryan and Steve.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dick Drury, Secretary