



CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD LEADERSHIP NIGHT REPORTS

September 17, 2019

INTRODUCTION

Meeting began with prayer.

PARISH COUNCIL (PC)*

Parish Mission-Excerpt from Evangelii Gaudium (Joy of the Gospel)

Thoughts were shared on the excerpt and how we are called to be witnesses.

Review of Minutes from August Meeting Approved with one change to page two-in service date changed to September 9 -11.

IV. Catholic Spirit Study-Real Presence The article was reviewed and discussion surrounded the question "Where are our parishioners in their belief?"

The general feeling was that although Fr. Rick and our parish overall has done very well on educating our parishioners on the real presence, most Catholics don't give it much thought, or are here for other reasons. Suggestions were made to both educate in the distinguishing factors of the Catholic faith and be welcoming. We need to bring our faith experience to those who don't believe. We don't want to reduce our faith to morality. Donna R noted that the parish Bible study this fall will help bridge the gap and "help people fall in love with Christ".

Parish Council Visioning Consultant Beth shared four potential options to assist with our parish visioning, and will incorporate the direction received at next weeks meeting with the archdiocese.

Archdiocesan Lay Advisory Board (LAB) Update Mike B and our fellow deanery representatives are working on trying to pull in representatives from Assumption, Nativity and St. Peter's. They are hoping to receive clarification on the role of Parish Ambassador for the Synod at their next archdiocese meeting in October.

Worship Technology Update Construction is very close to being completed. Cameras still need to be installed and sound is still being tweaked. It will be a little while before the video is up and going and everyone is trained.

Sunday Evening Mass Fr. Rick shared that we will be hosting a 5:30pm Sunday evening Mass in collaboration with St. Bonaventure and Nativity. The details are being worked out.

ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

Stewardship- Commitment Sunday for the fall giving plan for our treasures, St. Edward Sharing God's Gift, will be October 27. Communications in October will include mailings and speakers at Masses. This year the program is being administered in house, so we will be relying on volunteers to assist with mailings.

Communications- Work is being done on the materials for the Stewardship campaign. An overall communications plan for the parish is being developed. The fall newsletter is scheduled to go out at the end of November before Advent. The newsletter will highlight the Worship and Pastoral Care Commissions.

Building & Grounds- New LED lighting will be installed in the parking lot in mid-October. A B&G member will join the committee formed to review proposals for updating the outside signage.

Finance- Our 2018-2019 financial information, which will reflect an operating loss, will be included in the parish annual report that will be out this fall. The budget for fiscal year 2019-20 has been finalized and projects an operating loss.

Administration- We are updating our goals and projects with an emphasis on how we can best support the administration of our parish. We would welcome more volunteers to join our committees.

PARISH COUNCIL

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COMMUNITY LIFE COMMISSION

Gather - Gather was a huge success thanks to all the volunteers and parishioners who participated. There were many great comments. If you have pictures of the event you want to share, send to drubio@stedwardschurch.org. Financial update coming soon.

Christmas/Advent events – Collaborate with SJ, FF & Music on events such as, Gathering Tree, Christmas Sing-along, Christmas Movie Night, Hot Chocolate & cookies, Advent Concert, Nativity Play, Tree Lighting, Christmas tree lot.

Community-wide vs Parish-wide events – We are looking at focusing on more Community-wide events to welcome and include the surrounding community in church activities and services of Christ.

Welcoming visitors and new parishioners – Welcome bags after Masses for visitors will be available in October. Leadership from all commissions are invited to help by greeting everyone at the Mass they usually attend.

Men's and Women's Groups – Looking for volunteers to help lead and build both groups with a focus on spiritual growth, service to the parish and community and planning social events.

Evangelizing and Welcoming Opportunities – Being examples outside of the church, sharing our faith, and inviting people to discover who we are, what we do, why we do it, and how to get involved. One suggestion was to create buttons reading "Ask me about St. Edwards Church"

FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION

We spent time looking ahead to Faith Formation events:

Elementary will have a "Trunk or Treat" event held on Wed. October 30 in upper parking lot. Parishioners are asked to participate by decorating their trunk and providing candy for the kids (no nuts please) See Nicole Smalley for questions and details on how you can help.

Middle School will have Flannel Fest on Oct 16; they will be going to a farm for a hayride and flashlight corn maze.

Adults will have 2nd Sunday Speaker on Oct 13 after 10:30 mass. Speaker will be Fr. Michael Patella; he will give presentation titled, "Illuminations on the the Gospel of Luke." There will also be a bible study beginning in October that is 6 sessions long; "Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God."

We also discussed details with the **confirmation** program.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

Meals on Wheels received a financial gift and Warren and Patsy worked a Brat Stand at Cub to raise money.

Catholic Charities Lunch made 200 sandwiches and got more volunteers on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Respect Life needs volunteers to pass out baby bottles (fund raiser) for Southwest Options for Women as well as Trunk or Treat Volunteers. Also, be aware of Compassionate Choice which is pro-euthanasia.

Sister Parish/Nicaragua – Sue Kellet reports half a container of food from FMSC will last until 2020.

Sister Community/Teresa Toda reports that a student from Dental Hygiene School will go to the home and promote dental hygiene. Also preliminary dates have been set for July.

Banyan Community – Jerry Grebin stated that Joanie will speak at all Masses weekend of Sept 21-22.

Cornerstone is working in what kids want/need.

Gather was discussed, SJ & Charity will receive 10% net of **Gather** Funds.

PASTORAL CARE COMMISSION

Ministries continue unchanged. Discussion centered around need for additional volunteers in several ministries.

WORSHIP COMMISSION

Reviewed **GATHER** - Mass on the Grass and overall feedback was very positive. Lots of volunteers which was great. A number of logistical items, surrounding setup for the Mass were identified to consider for next year.

Starting in October we will again say the **Rosary**, Sunday mornings, at 8:00am in the Chapel.

Work to complete the **technology project** continues to move forward to the finish line.

Details for the 5:30pm **Sunday evening Mass** are being worked out among the leadership of the three Bloomington Parishes.

Monday December 9 we will celebrate the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception** with Mass at 9am in the chapel.

NEXT MEETING:

The next scheduled Leadership Night is October 15, following the 6:30pm Mass. **All parishioners are invited to Leadership Night.**