



CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD LEADERSHIP NIGHT REPORTS

November 19, 2019

INTRODUCTION

Meeting began with prayer from Pastoral Care.

PARISH COUNCIL (PC)*

Sunday Evening Mass will begin December 1 at St. Edward. Friar Brian and Fr. Nathan will participate in offering the Masses on a rotation basis. The goal is to attract new people (especially youth) and to offer another option for our parish members.

Signage The Signage Committee is considering removing the existing sign and building two new lighted monument signs near the entrances to the upper and lower parking lots.

Worship Technology Essentially completed with some minor adjustments being made.

Parish Annual Report Members shared comments and discussed the deficit from last year (170K) and how to address the projected one for the coming year (50K). There have been about 250 Stewardship commitment cards returned which is consistent for this time.

Parish Council Visioning Lengthy discussion about the partners being considered. A session has been scheduled for all council members on Saturday, January 11 when selected consultants will be evaluated based on their answers to a list of questions.

Fundraising Policy The discussion included what needs to be included in a policy to make it flexible enough to work for current and future activities. Steve was asked to integrate all the information and write up a simple policy.

Archdiocesan Synod and Lay Advisory Update The ambassador training has taken place with seven people from St. Edwards involved. The listening sessions have begun including upcoming options located near our parish.

ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

Stewardship- Response has been good to our Sharing God's Gifts campaign. Our rebranded stewardship program for 2020 is We Are St. Edward: We Pray, We Serve, We Give. A Planned Giving sub-committee chaired by Bill Franke has been formed to increase awareness on how you can include St. Edward in your giving and estate planning.

Communications- Several mailings are planned to hit mailboxes prior to Advent: The fall newsletter to our parishioners; a postcard with our Advent schedule to Bloomington residents within our parish boundaries, and a postcard announcing our new Sunday night Mass to catholic households in Bloomington and part of Eden Prairie. Ads will also be in the Catholic Spirit and Sun papers announcing the new Mass time.

Building & Grounds- New LED lighting has been installed in the parking lot. The signage committee is reviewing options for updating our outside signage with funding from the Pancake Breakfast in January. The Rain Garden project will be seeking bids in January with installation scheduled for the spring. The Lock-up Committee is in need of volunteers to assist with the lock up schedule which now will include the Sunday night Mass.

Finance- Collections are ahead of budget. Thank you for your continued contributions.

COMMUNITY LIFE COMMISSION

Donut Sunday December 15 music ministry will be hosting. Children's choir will be singing and there will be Christmas caroling, hot chocolate, crafts, and donuts.

Planning for national marriage week February 7-14, 2020. Plans include a marriage retreat and date night. All couples will have a opportunity to have their marriages blessed during all Masses the weekend of February 8/9.

Gather planning: We are looking for team members and co-chairs to start planning for next year. If you are interested in joining in the fun contact the parish office.

Annual pancake breakfast at the Bloomington Events Center January 26.

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* Full minutes of PC meetings are published on the parish website and in the wooden rack outside the office.

FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION

Nursery & Sunday School are still growing each week.

A special 'thank you' to everyone who participated with **Trunk-or-Treat** in October! It was a huge success and we had a great turnout.

Confirmation students are beginning to get plugged into various parish ministries.

Adult Bible study has 44 registered participants.

RCIA currently has 4 candidates, and it's not too late to join!

We discussed upcoming events and began visioning for various populations we might be missing.

PASTORAL CARE COMMISSION

Five **funerals** were held in November, including luncheons, utilizing at least 100 volunteers.

Grief Card Ministry has 13 parishioners volunteering in this new ministry, and it is being very well received.

We are still struggling with getting people to call and request visits from the **Hospital Ministry**.

At the **Mass of Remembrance** on November 2 & 3 we read the names of 56 parishioners that have died and lit candles in their honor. It was well received by parishioners and families. We ordered 300 We Remember books.

The granite wall in the **Memorial Garden** was engraved with the names of the five people buried this year in time for the Mass of Remembrance.

We are continuing to hand out **prayer shawls**, receiving several thank you notes.

This past month the **Stephen Ministry** had speakers on grief at Christmas Time, and on Formed.org.

Separated and Divorced Support Group has had 7 meetings so far with low attendance.

Fr. Rick has provided the **Anointing of the Sick** for several people at their request.

The board of the **Grief Coalition** met November 19. Winter schedule begins January 9 at Normandale Hylands United Methodist Church.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

Catholic Charities Lunch Program continues to make 200 sandwiches and fruit. What is not eaten at lunch is used for afternoon coffee.

Respect Life - Baby bottle collection or Southwest Options for Women very successful. Volunteers distributed over 300 bottles and collected \$7,631.96. This money is going towards SWOW's goal of getting an ultrasound technician and nurse manager.

National Night of Prayer for Life on Sunday, December 8 after the 5:30 Sunday Mass.

Cornerstone Gift Tree - 200 ornaments have been taken from the tree and collection starts December 23. Cornerstone of Bloomington offers support for victims of domestic abuse.

Meals on Wheels - our next week to drive is December 23.

Sister Parish - Sue Kellett returned from Nicaragua with disturbing information: The people of Jinotega are sad and worried. The poor are getting poorer due to low coffee yields this year. Fewer go out at night because there is a lot of street crime and the police are not necessarily there to help people. A group of 40 priests who were barred from attending a human rights conference outside the country went incognito and learned how to respond to the government oppression in a peaceful way. A current hunger strike by women outside Managua began as a Mass for political prisoners. On a positive note, Sue introduced Formed.org. They liked it and will pass the word around.

Sister Community - All are welcome to our first annual Christmas Card making and signing party, Monday December 9, 7-9pm in the auditorium. The cards are for the girls, the Sisters, and the staff of the Teresa Toda Home.

WORSHIP COMMISSION

Sunday night Mass will start at 5:30pm on December 1, 2019. Volunteers in all areas for this additional Mass are needed: Altar Servers, Usher/Greeter, Eucharistic Ministry, Cantor, and Lectors. Contact Mary Kay Hird or Craig Walker in the parish office if interested.

Eucharistic Adoration will be changing to a 6:30pm start time on Sunday night, immediately following the Mass.

Advent Planning is well underway. Advent Reconciliation on December 12 at 7pm. Christmas Eve Masses at 4 and 10pm; Christmas Day Masses at 8:30 and 10:30am. New Year's Eve 12/31 Mass at 5pm and New Year's day 1/1/2020 Mass at 10am.

NEXT MEETING:

The next scheduled Leadership Night is January 21, following the 6:30pm Mass. **All parishioners are invited to Leadership Night.**