



CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD LEADERSHIP NIGHT REPORTS

October 15, 2019

INTRODUCTION

Meeting began with prayer.

PARISH COUNCIL (PC)*

Gather: Members offered observations and reactions for planning committee to consider.

Parish Council In-Service: Sessions that were held in September were well attended and very informative regarding the role of the parish council. PC members will be receiving name badges to wear at Mass.

Parish Council Visioning: Potential partners were summarized in a booklet prepared by Beth S. Each member should review the booklet and websites to prepare for partner selection at a future meeting.

Archdiocesan Lay Advisory: Mike B. attended a synod practice listening session in preparation for the upcoming listening sessions scheduled. He has communicated with Nativity to enlist a representative for the next deanery meeting on Oct 9.

Worship Tech Update: Construction is wrapping up, some sound issues are being addressed, and training is in process.

Sunday Eve Mass: Discussions continue regarding collaboration between parishes.

Fundraising Policy: The current policy needs to be enhanced in alignment with our Finance policy and message of stewardship. It only identifies three specific fundraising events a year and does not address outside organizations. Additional information will be sent to members to review and prepare for discussion at the next meeting.

ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

Stewardship- A mailing for the **Sharing God's Gifts** campaign has been made with Commitment Sunday on October 27. The committee is working on rebranding for 2020 to **We Are St. Edward: We Pray, Serve, and Give**. More volunteers welcomed.

Communications- 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 for the parking lot is scheduled for installation in early November. The outside entry area to the east entrance has been painted. Trees and shrubs have been trimmed. Boilers have been inspected and are ready to provide heat. The signage committee is beginning to review options for updating our outside signage.

Finance- The Parish Annual Report for fiscal year 2019 has been published. It provides a summary of the financial results for the past fiscal year, the budget for our current fiscal year, and 2018-19 statistics. Copies are available in the racks in the foyer.

Administration- We are updating our goals with an emphasis on how we can best support the administration of our parish, and seeking more volunteers.

COMMUNITY LIFE COMMISSION

We are looking at having a "**Lighting of the Christmas Tree**" on the south lawn followed by hot chocolate, cookies and Christmas music with the community.

Discussion on how we can invite/interest people to "come see" and join the Catholic church thru the **RCIA** program that will be starting up soon.

The **CANA dinner** will be Saturday, February 22, 2020. For those with children we will be having childcare. We are looking for volunteers to assist during the event.

How do we get parishioners excited to get involved with church events? With **Donut Sunday** we have two ideas/options:

- A commission will be assigned a weekend to set-up, serve and clean-up.
- Have two shifts of 4-5 volunteers at each shift. The first shift 8-10:30, the second shift 10:15-1:00

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

PARISH COUNCIL

Bob McBeath, Co-Chair

ADMINISTRATION

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Barry Weber, Co-Chair
OPEN, Co-Chair
Beth Schorle, Staff Rep

COMMUNITY LIFE

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Dick Stoltman, Co-Chair
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Craig Walker, Staff Rep
Mary Kay Hird, Staff Rep

FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION

We discussed details for **Trunk or Treat**. It will be held on Wed, Oct 30 at 6:30pm in the upper parking lot. Parishioners can decorate their vehicle trunk with a non-scary theme and hand out candy to faith formation kids. The more trunks there are, the greater the event will be so please consider joining the event. Contact Nicole Smalley with any questions or you can sign your trunk up online.

Bible Study will be held on Wednesdays starting Oct 23 for 6 weeks. It will have morning and evening options; please consider joining us.

We spent most of our time brainstorming ideas to help parents and children become more engaged within the parish.

PASTORAL CARE COMMISSION

There were eight funerals in September and October, all of which has a funeral luncheon or reception, utilizing at least 100 volunteers.

The new **Grief Card Ministry** has begun and is utilizing 13 new volunteers that will be sending out cards to the families of the deceased for one year following the death.

The **Hospital Ministers** are continuing to request that parishioners let the parish know when they are in the hospital so that they may visit them.

The annual **Mass of Remembrance** will be during the weekend of November 2 & 3, where we will be reading the 55 names of our departed loved ones, and lighting a candle for them. Families will be able to take home the candle lit for their loved one and a Book of Remembrance that will be made available to the parish that weekend.

We have done five burials in our **Memorial Garden** this spring and summer. Dependent on the weather, names will be engraved on our granite wall this fall or next spring.

There was a **prayer shawl** blessing on October 6 and over 20 shawls were blessed.

Stephen Ministry is going strong and will be hosting Donut Sunday November 2-3.

The **Separated and Divorced Support Group** has started and is meeting each Monday from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Pastoral Care room.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

The **RESPECT LIFE** Committee distributed over 400 Baby Bottles for collecting cash and coins for Southwest Options for Women. They will be collected on October 26 & 27. Also, the Committee is publicizing "Rachel's Vineyard Retreat" on November 1-3 for those grieving loss of a child to abortion.

Sue Kellet is visiting the **Sister Parish** in Nicaragua on November 5. "*Bringing Mission Home; Celebrating Mission in MN*" on October 24 offers an opportunity for people engaged in missionary and sister parish work to connect and share. The Archdiocese is hosting its annual sister parish workshop on October 26. All are welcome to attend.

Single Adults group is organizing an event at **FMSC** (they provide food for Nicaragua) on November 9 at 4:30 pm at the Chanhassen location. Contact church office to join in.

Planning is underway for **Campamento 2020**. An activity is in process to send the girls at **Hogar Teresa Toda** Christmas cards from St. Edward. A signing event is being planned.

St. Edward provided **Meals On Wheels** drivers during the week of Sept 30. Our next week to drive will be Nov 11.

There are enough volunteers at this time in the **Catholic Charities Lunch Program**.

VEAP GARDEN: There is activity for 2-3 weeks as some produce from a second planting is harvested.

CHRISTMAS TOY COLLECTION: St. Edward is planning to work with Cornerstone, a shelter for women and children subjected to or threatened with abuse. We will be collecting gift wrap and items focused on teens and adults during the last half of November.

New initiative: Commission members have attended a presentation at Sagrado Corazon about organizing a compassionate response for teenage migrants. Anyone interested getting involved should contact Ann McGuire as the Commission is searching for person(s) to define and lead the St. Edward initiative.

WORSHIP COMMISSION

The new audio and visual systems are in the final implementation stages with on going fine tuning and training. Thank you to the volunteers who make up the **Worship Technology Team**, our newest liturgical ministry. New members are welcome any time – please stop by the AV booth in the back of church on any given weekend to find out more.

NEXT MEETING:

The next scheduled Leadership Night is November 19, following the 6:30pm Mass. **All parishioners are invited to Leadership Night.**