



CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD LEADERSHIP NIGHT REPORTS

February 18, 2020

INTRODUCTION

Meeting began with prayer from Worship.

PARISH COUNCIL (PC)*

Visioning Consultant: Candidates are scheduled for Saturday, February 15. Goals for the engagement will be given to candidates. There will be a standard list of questions for all candidates, as well as time for spontaneous ones.

Worship Screen Usage: The screens are catching on, and there are requests to advertise upcoming events before Mass. Discussion included the need to have guidelines for usage.

Archdiocesan Synod and Lay Advisory Update: Beth and Mike shared that the process is underway and that listening sessions have been well-attended. After the sessions have been completed focus areas will be communicated to the ambassadors from each parish.

Sunday Evening Mass: The Sunday evening liturgies are going well with 100-150 attendees. Attendance is being tracked at all Masses to determine whether the evening Mass is just pulling people from the other Masses. As planned there will be an evaluation at the end of six months to determine whether this Mass is a valuable option to continue.

Signage: Signage is in process. Once the two signs are in place, the old sign must be removed in order to comply with the City of Bloomington.

Stewardship: Total number of pledges is down from last year, but actual donations are up. Discussed the value of encouraging electronic giving to even out the week-to-week giving.

Nativity preschool: There is currently no plan to proceed.

ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

Stewardship- We are developing a new logo for our 2020 theme "We Pray, We Serve, We Give." For Lent, the emphasis is on our stewardship of our personal time, including our prayer time – the "We Pray" element of stewardship. The committee has formed a sub-committee for Planned Giving. The goal is to have more parishioners remember the parish in their estate plans. Ministries are reminded to return their Ministry Fair information sheets.

Buildings & Grounds- The committee is identifying capital needs, improvements and repairs to recommend for the next fiscal year. Focus areas include security system upgrades and new carpeting, primarily in the worship space.

Communications- Celeste gave a review of the parish's digital presence. Statistics included: website visits in 2019, the recently "claimed" Google My Business, Facebook, Patch and Nextdoor. 311 Disciple Maker Index Surveys have been received so far.

Finance- \$16,800 was received from the pancake breakfast to be used for the new signage. Electronic giving now utilizes a single platform, Vanco, allowing parishioners to directly manage their giving online. Additional uses of our parish database being explored.

COMMUNITY LIFE COMMISSION

An invitation will be extended at the end of Mass to visitors and those interested in becoming **new parishioners** to stop by the welcome desk for a welcome bag and informational materials.

Welcome campaign will begin in the Spring with a focus on welcoming the greater community. Ideas include teams to go door knocking in the surrounding neighborhood, handing out signs for parishioners to put in their yards, and window clings for cars.

Invitation will be in the bulletin for all men of the parish to join the **Men's Group**. The first event being planned will be hosting a Women's Morning of Prayer and brunch in May.

Volunteer celebration will be in June, the staff will begin planning.

Gather meetings have begun to plan the September event. We are looking for local business sponsors and local performance teams to be part of the entertainment.

Gather Music Under the Stars coming this summer; more details coming soon.

Sacramental Life has four weddings scheduled for this year, two baptisms next month, and four RCIA candidates celebrating the Rite of Continuing Conversion on March 1.

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FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION

We reviewed our current budget for the year along with some upcoming events:

A small group of high schoolers will attend a **Pre-Synod Listening Session** on Feb 27.

Lenten Bible Study for adults will begin March 4, Wednesdays at 10am or 6:30pm.

Confirmation Retreat to be held at St. Edward on March 7.

Adult Lenten Retreat will be held after 10:30 Mass on Sunday, March 8.

Fish Fry will be on Friday, March 13. Tickets are available to purchase online now! This year the Knights will provide a beer stand for the event!

A **Living Stations of the Cross** will be put on by middle/high schoolers on Wednesday, April 8.

Mom and child event, "**Holy Yoga**" planned for May 13. Father/child event, "**Outdoor Games**" May 20.

Watch for more details for all of the events in the upcoming bulletins.

PASTORAL CARE COMMISSION

Funerals: Total of four funerals currently being worked on; all four will have **hospitality**, three will have **luncheons**.

Hospital Visits: Had one visit this month. The visitor brought a prayer shawl that was well received.

Stephen Ministry: Educational speaker this Thursday will be on abuse in later life and will be presented by Cornerstone. Recruitment at Masses last weekend in March, information night will be in April. Training will be in September of 2020, with St. Michael's. Nativity will also be merging their 4-6 Stephen Ministers with our group starting in the fall. Hosting Cookie Saturday and Donut Sunday, May 16 & 17, 2020.

Emergency Assistance: Two individuals were helped; one with rent, the other with both rent and utility bills this month.

Homebound Communion: We are still looking for a replacement for the current coordinator who will be moving soon.

Grief Coalition: Winter series is currently being hosted at Normandale Hylands United Methodist Church.

Grief Cards: 17 parishioners volunteer in this ministry which is well received. The newest volunteer was given packets for the latest two funerals.

Prayer Shawls: Ministry continues to thrive with shawls coming in and going out.

Memorial Garden: Cards will go out to family members of those buried in the garden during the month that their loved one died in, letting them know we are praying for them and their loved one.

Nursing Homes: Mass is offered monthly at Founders Ridge, and twice monthly at Masonic Home.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

Sister Parish, Nicaragua: There will be a second collection during Lent asking for donations to purchase another half container of FMSC food for delivery to Our Lady of Angels in May or early June.

Respect Life Committee: The movie *Unplanned* was screened by 19 staff and commission members for consideration for a viewing event at St. Edward. Spiritual Adoption concept was introduced at last committee meeting. Publicity was given to a recent *Grief to Grace* retreat. The *Prayer Service for Life* was attended by nine people from St. Edward. Another Mother's Day Baby Shower to benefit SouthWest Options for Women and Mpls. Birthright is being planned.

Catholic Charities Lunch: A small group from St. Edward continues to procure and assist in preparation for lunch on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Mpls Catholic Opportunity Center.

Meals on Wheels: New drivers are needed to replace drivers who are no longer able to continue.

Campamento 2020: Preparations are underway for the trips on July 4-12 & July 11-19 with room for 2 more travelers.

Loaves and Fishes: Coordinators are needed for both locations. The need for a Creekside Loaves and Fishes coordinator is greater than at St. Stephens.

VEAP: March is food donation month to help stock up food for VEAP.

Bridging: Sara Guild is going to produce kitchen bundles sometime this year.

WORSHIP COMMISSION

The Worship Commission would like to thank Ed Wilson for his many years of service in leading the **ushers**. At this time he is going to step down as leader, but will continue as an usher. Rory Cowling has agreed to lead with Terry Langness.

The **Art & Environment** team worked hard to prepare the worship spaces for Lent. We look forward to the upcoming transformations for Palm Sunday and Holy Week. If you would like to join this team please notify Mary Kay Hird.

On Saturday, March 7, the confirmation candidates will participate in many liturgical roles at the 5pm Mass.

Thank you to all who volunteered time and energy to work at the **Pancake Breakfast**.

NEXT MEETING:

The next scheduled Leadership Night is March 17, beginning with Mass at 6:30pm . **All parishioners are invited to Leadership Night.**