

St. Margaret Mary Parish, Naperville, IL
Pastoral Council Minutes
April 5, 2011

Members Present: Brian Churilla, Anne-Marie Cronin, Desmond Curran, Dan Dulik, Bob Hansen, Fr. Paul Hottinger, Kevin M. Lynch, Nancy Rutkowski, Sue Schroeder, Steve Schroeder, Terry Wagner

Members Absent: Tom Cordaro

Pastoral Council President Kevin M. Lynch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., with the meeting held in Room 8. Nancy Rutkowski opened with Scripture and a guided reflection.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 3/1/11 and 3/13/11:

The Pastoral Council amended and approved the minutes from March 1, 2011, with Fr. Paul Hottinger moving and Bob Hansen seconding. These minutes will now be posted to the Pastoral Council's online web page.

The Pastoral Council amended and approved the minutes from March 13, 2011, with Terry Wagner moving and Sue Schroeder seconding. These minutes will also be posted to the Pastoral Council's online web page.

Congregation Beth Shalom Interfaith Program and Dinner (4/9/11): Although the 3/18/11 response deadline has already passed, Kevin asked if any Council Members will be attending this evening Interfaith Program and Dinner on 4/9/11 at Congregation Beth Shalom, Naperville. No Council Members have yet confirmed their attending.

Feed My Starving Children (4/11/11): While originally planned as a SMMP Jr. High Journey Program's service project, there are still 25 spaces left for this shift on 4/11/11 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) at Feed My Starving Children. These do not necessarily need to be filled by jr. high students. Families and individuals interested in participating should contact Kim Cernek as soon as possible in order to register.

"Thorny Issues" - You and the Catholic Church Series (4/11 – 7-8:15 p.m., Upper Room): Kevin Lynch invited Council Members to also attend his presentation about the Catholic Church's position on some of our most challenging issues.

"Life in the Spirit" 5-Week Seminar (5/2, 9, 16, 23 and 6/6 – 7-9 p.m., Upper Room): Fr. Paul will be conducting these presentations. While advance registration is preferred, it is not required. Fr. Paul further suggested that participants initially attend the first or second presentation, as the ensuing ones will be cumulatively based on these.

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT: The Council awaits confirmation from Staff through Tom Cordaro (who was absent at tonight's meeting) about the Spring Ministry Fair's date in May. Presently, Council is aware of only a small amount of other parish ministry

groups which have expressed an interest in participating in this spring event so far, as some of these ministries are more seasonal in nature. Meanwhile, the Council inquired as to whether there was a benefit in holding this Spring Ministry Fair in the Upper Room, especially if there will be minimal to no refreshments involved. It was also noted that the Commissions will also need to provide confirmation about the Spring Ministry Fair date soon.

CATHOLICS COME HOME (CCH): With the upcoming “Thorny Issues” presentation (*You and the Catholic Church Series*), along with the 5-week “Life in the Spirit” presentations, completing this year’s CCH campaign, there was some discussion at tonight’s meeting about how to determine the CCH’s overall success at the parish level. As this year’s CCH “welcome” receptions have expanded to also include parish newcomers, inquirers, and church returnees, it was suggested that Rick Peterson be contacted prior to the May Council meeting about the possibility of continuing an ongoing “welcome” program for the following year, again blending this for a similar outreach group. There was also a discussion as to how to fund these efforts in the future. This will likely be addressed again by Council at the May meeting.

AD HOC STAFFING REVIEW COMMITTEE: There was no new progress to report.

GREEN INITIATIVE [EARTH CARE COMMITTEE]: Among its multiple responses to items addressed by the parish’s recent free “green” audit, conducted by the non-profit group SCARCE (School and Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education), the parish’s Earth Care Committee is currently seeking donations of lightly-used, reusable, microwave-safe coffee mugs that can be used at parish meetings and small gatherings. Terry Wagner offered to seek possible corporate donations of mugs. Continued cultural changes are also suggested to reduce the use of Styrofoam plates and encourage double-sided printing on paper.

Earth Care Committee Member Sue Schroeder further reported that the parish’s January electronics recycling event received an “amazing” response from the community, with the resultant collection of three truckloads representing that of a “small municipality.” While the parish received no fundraising benefit from this recycling event, the Earth Care Committee indicated that the electronic recycling event will likely be rotated among other churches in our cluster group in order to keep this momentum going. Lastly, Sue recognized five parish teens and adult volunteers who had provided all-day assistance at this January event.

FUNDRAISING/ EVENT SCHEDULING: The parish’s recent St. Patrick’s Dinner was very successful, helping raise funds for the upcoming high school summer mission trip, along with promoting wonderful fellowship and community. Council noted that it was also held on the same night as another fundraising event at All Saints Catholic Academy (ASCA). In order to help prevent such future scheduling conflicts, the Council recommends that a memo be sent to ASCA, requesting that their 2011-12 calendar submissions be made to SMMP’s parish office as soon as possible. The Council also discussed the need for improved communication with Mary Straub, Mike Prus, and

ASCA in order to obtain more appropriately-sized room assignments at SMMP for their needs, e.g. for its Catholic Schools Week reception at SMMP. Likewise, Council discussed the possibility of SMMP's scheduling future events at ASCA, e.g. in their gym.

FUNDRAISING/ CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: Council continued its discussion about the need to encourage various parish groups, committees, and commissions to help lead their own fundraising efforts. Likewise, it was suggested that good central "calendar" is needed to assist with coordinating such efforts and events. It was also noted, however, that such groups and committees would be much less motivated and interested in spearheading more "generalized need" fundraisers, e.g. for the parish's debt reduction. Brian Churilla again suggested that the use of "thermometer-like" displays, coupled with the provision of additional debt reduction envelopes at both church exits, could help show progress being made toward parish debt reduction.

Council further discussed the need to renew a capital campaign, with the timing possibly being appropriate for this (given the length of time from the prior campaign and a perception that the general economy might be improving soon). Council then discussed the possibility of utilizing a "two-pronged" approach, involving a concerted capital campaign effort as well as smaller (perhaps ongoing) efforts by specific groups to raise funds for more specific needs. Council then considered the need to perhaps have a single point person fill the role of coordinator, along with the possibility of this being a paid position. Council agreed to take up the subject again at the May meeting.

PARISH TOWN HALL MEETING (5/31/11 – 7 p.m.): At tonight's meeting, Council selected the date and time for the upcoming annual Town Hall Meeting, also noting that this has been well attended in the past. It will again include brief presentations, budget information, and Commission reports. Council hopes to again utilize Rick Peterson's PowerPoint slides for this presentation. Kevin will place a notice about the upcoming Town Hall Meeting in the bulletin shortly.

Following this, Council took a break from 8:10-8:20 p.m., enjoying refreshments provided by Nancy Rutkowski.

POLICY/ PROCEDURES FOR CONTRACTS: Council reviewed Desmond Curran's recent revisions made in draft form about written parish policy/ procedures for contracts, including: 1.) Parish Agreements; and 2.) Outside Vendors (Including Speakers). These reflect continued compromised efforts between Staff and Council to develop written policy/ procedures that are workable, understandable, and simple. At tonight's meeting, Council initially approved the Policy on Parish Agreements containing slight wording changes but subsequently reconsidered. Council decided to combine the two documents as one stated policy. Desmond will now send these to Mike Prus, Tom Cordaro, and Fr. Paul, prior to Council's final review and acceptance in May.

CELEBRATIONS – SR. MADELYN’S JUBILEE: Council agreed to officially sponsor the upcoming celebration for Sr. Madelyn Gould’s jubilee. On behalf of Council, Desmond and Nancy will coordinate planning efforts of other interested groups, along with seeking Sr. Madelyn’s input for this celebration. While no funds are currently budgeted for this celebration, parishioner contributions will be sought toward a reception and gift.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Administration: *[3/16/11 Administration Commission Meeting Minutes electronically sent in advance, a copy of which is attached hereto].* Administration Commission approved the transfer of the Scholarship Committee Representative to the Christian Education Commission (CEC), starting in FY2011/12. Meanwhile, the church’s scorched sanctuary carpeting issue is now resolved, with new carpeting installed by Apostrophe Carpeting and paid for by insurance. It was requested that the Administration Commission also produce and/or circulate a list of both large and small items needing repair or replacement, including the rectory’s garage door, in an effort to see if the time and talents of parishioners can be utilized. The Men’s Club has very graciously and generously replaced the church’s broken ice- maker – this recent replacement was an unexpected non-budgeted item. Lastly, Kevin inquired of Terry Wagner, Administration Commission Representative, as to whether the parish’s tattered American flag could be replaced, perhaps with the aid of SMMP’s Boy Scout Troop 507, including the old flag’s proper burning. Terry indicated that he would raise the subject with the appropriate committee.

Christian Education (CEC): *[March CEC Summary Report electronically sent in advance, a copy of which is attached hereto].* Bob Hansen, CEC Representative, reported that Kim Cernek was elected as the new CEC Chair. A single individual, representing both the Scholarship Committee and ASCA, will report to and attend the CEC meetings starting in 7/1/11.

Christian Service (CSC): *[March CSC Report and February Charitable Contributions Committee Report electronically sent in advance by Anne-Marie Cronin, CSC Head and Representative, copies of which are attached hereto].* Council discussed the vast amount of parish service groups and their numerous activities contained in Anne-Marie’s summary report, about many of which parish members might not be aware. Council then recommended that the parish bulletin should feature a different parish service group on a bi-weekly basis. The Charitable Contributions Committee had also provided a 2010-11 Summary Report, detailing \$42,682 awarded to 21 different groups through February 2011. Likewise, Council recommended that a parish bulletin article be published on a quarterly basis listing the Charitable Contributions recipients. Lastly, Fr. Paul requested that the Bereavement Committee reschedule the Mass of Remembrance that it had originally planned for 12/8/11 (a Holy Day of Obligation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception).

Christian Worship (CWC): *[April CWC Report electronically sent in advance, a copy of which is attached hereto].* Nancy Rutkowski, CWC Representative, reported that the transition on using substantial bread for the Eucharist at the 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday Masses during Lent has gone very well. Due to an over-estimation of attendees, however, the Eucharistic Ministers had to consume any leftover consecrated substantial bread after these Masses. Meanwhile, Nancy also confirmed which Council Members will be assisting with foot-washing at the Holy Thursday Mass.

DISCERNMENT PROCESS FOR NEW AT-LARGE COUNCIL MEMBERS: Steve Schroeder led the discussion about what characteristics and skill sets are most sought in the Council's new At-Large Member candidates. Council recommended that candidates should have the following:

- “an open mind and heart”
- “no personal agendas” (noting that a passion for a cause would better be served on a specific committee or commission)
- “excellent group communication skills”
- “decisiveness” (being able to support or not support an issue, even if in the minority)
- “work or personal business constraints requiring less than 15-20% travel time”
- “good computer literacy skills” (for sending and receiving reports and other communications)
- “diversity” (representing the parish with different professions, ages, and gender)
- “openness to change”
- “enthusiasm”

It was likewise noted that Council Members need to be active members of the parish community, frequently also being called upon to represent Council at various parish events.

Steve reported that Dan Dulik and he have received approximately 20 candidate nominations to date (a few through the nomination request in the parish bulletin, along with approximately 12 additional candidates' names from Sr. Madelyn). Steve also requested that Council Members submit any additional nominations as soon as possible to him by e-mail, as Dan and he will then be contacting candidates about their nomination during this upcoming weekend. Steve then reviewed the following discernment schedule:

- April 26 – initial group meeting with At-Large candidates, with submission of individual biographies
- April 27 – submission deadline for candidate biographies
- May 3 – candidates attend the Pastoral Council meeting
- May 6 – candidates' pictures are submitted to the parish bulletin (which date was urged to be moved up in order to insure sufficient publishing time for the parish bulletin and to insure that the parish has an opportunity to review the candidates).

- May 24 – final discernment night for candidates (7 p.m. in the Upper Room)
- June 7 – new At-Large Members attend Pastoral Council meeting (although they cannot yet vote)

PARISH FY 2011/12 BUDGET: Terry Wagner, Finance Committee Head, had recently sent a proposed budget for FY 2011/12, showing February YTD numbers and an updated forecast file for March-June. Due to a slight miscalculation made at the 3/13/11 budget preparation meeting, the budget goals approved by Council actually contain a small budgetary surplus, as opposed to an absolute balanced budget. Council agreed to maintain this slight surplus as a parish budgetary goal.

JANUARY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING (1/29/11): Due to tonight’s time constraints, the Council Workshop Meeting (1/29/11) was not reviewed. However, Kevin noted that its theme of “change” and the concept of adapting to change need to “permeate from the top down.” He acknowledged that the Council may be in a better position to accept changes within the parish but that it needs to help define the changes the parish may need to make and take a leadership role in persuading the staff and parish family to understand and accept these changes.

FINAL “WHIP” AROUND: Comments included:

- “Good meeting”
- “Thanks for leading the discussion”
- “Pretty productive”
- “Appreciate Desmond’s work [on policy/procedures] and our ability to keep an open mind and have good communication”

CLOSING: Nancy Rutkowski led tonight’s closing prayer.

The meeting concluded at 9:30 p.m.

The next Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, in Room 8 (St. Margaret Mary Parish), starting at 7:00 p.m.

May Opening and Closing Prayer: Desmond Curran

May Refreshments: Desmond Curran

Respectfully submitted,
 Marlyn Ligner Steury
 Recording Secretary

**SAINT MARGARET MARY PARISH
 ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION
 Minutes of Wednesday, March 16, 2011**

Members Present: Theresa Hawley, Tom Hill, Jeff Jameson, Michael Prus, Klaus Rummer, Terry Wagner.

Members Absent: Chuck Marquis.

1. Opening Prayer:

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 16 meeting were approved, without changes, “by acclamation”.

3. Discussion/Decision Items:

A. Church Lighting Above Sanctuary

Chuck Marquis was absent, as he is attending a LED lighting demo show. He reported via e-mail that conversation with Parkside Electric has ceased, as it seems they are no longer interested in the project. Chuck has initiated contact with two other contractors. Tom Hill noted that he will attempt to contact an additional contractor also.

4. Member Reports and Discussion

A. Chuck Marquis: Absent.

B. Terry Wagner, Finance Committee: 1) Terry reported that the Pastoral Council met on March 13 to discuss the budget. Terry sent out budget worksheets today to staff and volunteers preparing budgets. Responses are due by April 18. The Council plans to complete the budget work at its May meeting. 2) Terry distributed the January financial report and collections reports for January and February.

C. Michael Prus, Business Manager: 1) The carpet work in the sanctuary is currently scheduled for the week of March 28, to be done by Apostrophe Design. The diocesan insurance company has agreed to pay for the work. 2) A new voicemail system for the parish, funded by the Men’s Club, is scheduled to be installed on March 28.

D. Tom Hill, Building Committee: Tom reported that the replacement to the door opposite Room 10 is planned for completion in about two weeks.

E. Jeff Jameson, At Large Delegate: No report.

F. Theresa Hawley, Scholarship Committee: Theresa provided the presentation on Scholarship to the Pastoral Council at its March 1 meeting, and was well

received. During this discussion, the Scholarship Committee and the Council agreed that the committee should move to the Christian Education Commission beginning next fiscal year. 3) The committee will encourage school parents to apply for Scholarship.

G. Klaus Rummer: Klaus requested assistance for the Men's Club home repair project, for April 16 and April 30. Theresa suggested that perhaps the Boy Scouts might be able to contribute to the project.

5. New Business: None.

6. Closing Prayer: Led by Terry Wagner.

CEC SUMMARY REPORT, MARCH 2011

ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

BOOK STUDY:

1. Despite our sadness at the ejection of the Bears from the play-offs that afternoon, and despite the brisk January cold, six members of the Book Group gathered to discuss "Times Three" by Phyllis McGinley. All agreed---good session, good choice of book.
2. The February book is the popular "The Help," a story about black maids in Jackson, MS during the early years of the civil rights movement.
3. The March book is "Light of the World: The Pope, the Church, and the Signs of the Time"---a conversation with Peter Seewald.
4. In a separate attachment, I'll send a list of ALL the books that have been read and discussed since the groups' inception.

BIBLE STUDY:

1. Bible Study continues with the study of Acts of the Apostles.
2. Class was cancelled the night of the snowstorm in early Feb./
3. March 8th marks the date of the last class for this study.

BUSINESS BREAKFASTS:

1. Thirty-five guests were present to hear Al Gustafson speak at the January 22nd Business Breakfast....Manna For The Wilderness.
2. Fr. Jonathan Foster was our Feb. 20th speaker – Wilderness in Our Church. 30 attended.
3. Mary Ellen Durbin is scheduled to speak on March 12th – Bread for the Wilderness in our Community. This session will conclude our 2010-11 series.

EVENING ENRICHMENT:

1. Paul Jarzembowski was our speaker for the Feb. 16th presentation, "Navigating the Blessings and Concerns of our Technological Age." Sixteen attended. This concluded our Evening Enrichment series for 2010-11.

MORNING ENRICHMENT:

1. On Feb. 9th, three parishioners gave witness talks on "Living My One, Wild and Precious Life," sharing how they are actively discerning God's desires for them. Nearly 40 people were present to partake in this energizing event.
2. The Day of Reflection in March will conclude our 2010-11 series. Mary Amore will facilitate the day. Since this is Ash Wed. ashes will be distributed as part of the day.

RETREATS:

1. Fr. Michael Sparough, SJ facilitated our Parish Mission. Each evening about 8-12 parishioners helped dramatize the gospel. An additional 12 Ritual Ministers helped bestow a blessing each evening. Four greeters for each evening were also among the volunteers. What a positive, contemplative experience!
2. I am meeting with Kim Cernek on Feb. 28th to begin planning a CRHP reunion for women.
3. Women's CRHP had 16 guests for the January 29-30 retreat.
4. Just when I thought I couldn't get any higher, I co-facilitated the retreat for 35 women in Mundelein. This retreat, too, was well received by our parishioners. I feel like I am flying over the moon at how well these retreats are received.
5. The Ignatian Retreat is going extremely well. All eleven participants report very positive experiences.
Phase Two of the retreat begins on Feb. 28th.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION – Twenty directees currently....

THREADS: WEAVING FAITH THROUGH THE GENERATIONS:.

1. We're gearing up for the March 4th Lenten Event – "From Ashes to Action." We'll burn palms in the courtyard, braid palms and enjoy a performance by "Glory Fingers" a puppet ministry. This will all happen on March 4th.
2. The Men's Club is providing a fire pit and 'manager of the flames' for the evening. Ken Miles will bless the ashes. Gail Gersic will lead the palm craft.

R.C.I.A.

1. Our three catechumens are excited about the upcoming Easter Vigil when they will become full members of our Catholic Church. The group will attend a special ceremony at the cathedral on the first Sunday of Lent.

2. To date, only one has registered for next year. I have written to the non-Catholic party of our First Communion and Confirmation parents, inviting them to our RCIA class. Classes will begin March 16th.

YOUTH MINISTRY:

QUEST

The *SPIRIT Retreat* was a success! Our team did another great job. There were about 115 sophomores on retreat with a team of 50 people (19 adults). Bill Johnson did the “Ragman” prayer service with our teens doing the acting. It was wonderful

The last sophomore group has been interviewed. Three teens have decided to not be confirmed. Fr. Paul & Kevin Lynch were great at helping with these interviews also. Fr. Paul has signed on to visit two freshmen QUEST groups soon in the homes. Fr. Paul also gave a witnessing during *SPIRIT*. It was on the Holy Spirit.

There is a new directive from the U.S. Bishops for future curriculum, including using the “New Roman Missal.”

Cascade Ski Trip - 24 teens and one adult.

Jeffery Dean-Abstinence talk at St. Raphael's 2/3:30 PM -Sunday, March 6th-Cluster event
High School Stations of the Cross Friday, March 18th at 7:30 PM

S.H.I.N.E. Mission Trip

We have about 50 high school and adults attending this trip. We had our first formation meeting and Jim Melton was our facilitator. We need to mix a lot to get to know each other. There are three more meetings. Our next fundraiser is St. Pat's Day Party-Saturday, March 12th beginning with 5 PM Mass.

Peer Ministry

We had our Jr/Sr Retreat and there were about 30 of us. We were able to go to a nursing home to play bingo. Teens purchased and wrapped gifts for prizes. The Tuesday nights continue to be popular. Planning for “Senior Send Off” has begun. Having it at SMMP worked very well.

Young Adults

Now that all the retreats are finished, I am going to gather the young adults to see how they wish to begin their own ministry.

Military Ministry

We have begun to mail out packages to our own service people asking their families what items they would like. We will be supporting the OILSOT when they have their annual meeting here on Sunday, March 27th.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Pre K to 5th Grade:

On Saturday, January 22nd we had a prayer service for 4th graders and their families. The theme was “Jesus, the Storyteller - The Good Samaritan”

During the first three weeks of February, Fr. Paul offered the Sacrament of Reconciliation to all of the 5th grade classes.

On Saturday, February 26th we had a prayer service for our Pre-School and Kindergarten children. Approximately 30 people attended the service presided by Deacon Ken. The theme was the “Sower and the Seed”.

The final children’s Mass for the year was Saturday, February 26th at 5:00. The hosts were the 1st and 3rd graders. Julie Carballo has agreed to coordinate the masses again next year.

First Communion registration information went out on January 5th. Despite our repeated requests, we still have several families who have not yet registered. The second set of parents is March 1st and 2nd. These include a “Bread” Prayer service with the parents and children. The final blessing rite was on February 26/27. Children were asked to bring their Baptismal candles to light. The retreat is scheduled for Saturday, March 19th with a parent planning meeting to be held on March 8th. In early March, the children began to practice their song for the First Communion service. On April 6th I will have a special song rehearsal for children at ASCA or grades 3-5.

From Saturday, February 26th thru Wednesday, April 2nd, I have had catechist open house. Refreshments are available while catechists have the opportunity to review varies Lenten activity/craft suggestions. Angie Baumgartner created several new projects for each grade level.

On March 9th we will have an Ash Wednesday prayer service at 4:00.

Our 5th grade prayer service will be on Saturday, March 12th at 10:30a.m. Deacon Ken will preside at the Lenten themed service of “Jesus Washes the Feet of His Disciples”.

The 5th graders will present the Stations of the Cross to all the other grades during the last half hour of each class.

Planning for our Family Outreach Program continues. The team of six catechists is working on ideas per grade level for a family take home activity. I will be applying for a grant to help cover the costs. The grants are awarded in June.

Christian Service Commission Report March 2011 Report

Bereavement

Attendees: Carolyn Hughes-Fenchel, Laurie Krebs, Cleonne O'Hart, Larry Riebold, Terry Taylor, Ingrid VanDril

Meeting Summary

- Sending out cards of prayers acknowledging the 1 year anniversary of the loved one's death.
- Motherless Daughter will be 5th in the upper room.
- We are looking at setting the Remembrance Mass next year for Dec. 8th.
- Masses for the deceased have been set through 2012.
- There are now books in the SMM Library on Loss of a Spouse, Parent & Child.

Discussion:

- Discussed previous cases assigned.
- Ingrid created a listing of the Masses for the Deceased that can be inserted with any note you may send to one of your contacts. Laurie will distribute this with the meeting minutes.

New cases:

- New cases were distributed.
- Laurie will update the address list, worksheet and assignment spreadsheet & distribute it to everyone.

New Business:

- The "Motherless Daughter" event will take place on May 5th in the Upper Room.
 - This is open to anyone from any parish or faith.
 - Laurie will get list to Mary by April 1st so she can send out a personal invitation to the women in our parish.

Blood Drive

No report at this time. Next drive is scheduled for May 7, 2011

Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts

No report at this time.

Charitable Contributions

See attached list of contributions through February, 2011.

Christmas Giving Tree

No report at this time.

Emergency Meals

Two Emergency meals were provided for a family who had a premature baby.

Funeral Luncheons

There have been no funeral lunches.

Food Pantry

No report at this time.

Men's Club

Around 55 active Men's Club members attended the March meeting. Nominating committee was formed to identify possible candidates for the men's club board for new year beginning in July. Charitable donation of \$2,100 was approved by the membership to purchase a new replacement ice machine for the church kitchen, as the one purchased by the men's club in 1998 has failed. All men of the Parish are invited to join us for food, fun and fellowship!

Newcomers Committee

No Report at this time.

PADS

No report at this time.

Pastoral Care

No report at this time.

Peace and Justice

In March our group hosted a presentation entitled, "Walking in Solidarity with the Haitian People." This program included a presentation by Laurie Schlaman (wife of Music Director John Schlaman) who recently returned from a medical mission trip to Haiti. Our committee is also working with the Earth Care Committee to make our parish more environmentally responsible. We will be encouraging parishioners to sign up for Constant Contact emails as a way to save paper. The Earth Care Committee is also working on promoting recycling and energy conservation in the parish. On April 26th our committee is organizing a panel discussion on public policy to address global climate change and our nation's energy future.

Pro-Life

We will be showing the documentary, "Blood Money" on Tuesday, March 22. the documentary exposes the abortion industry and had testimonies from women who have had abortions.

Project Gabriel

Mona, our latest client, delivered a baby girl on Sunday March 6th weighing in at 7 pounds 5 ounces!!! All is well. She has expressed her gratitude for all the wonderful things that we were able to provide for her: a crib and new mattress, a car seat (she was given a double stroller by a friend) clothes, blankets and beautiful layette items for her new daughter as well as many clothes that were donated for her older daughter. We also had a small TV with a VCR and Disney movies donated for her daughter to watch while she studies for her classes. (She said the whole family enjoys the movies!!) . She thanks all the people from SMMP that have helped her and her family and asks that God bless you all.

Our next client, Michelle, is due in early May. I am putting together all the wonderful things we have for her since she is having a boy (our first client to deliver a boy!!) and we have many baby boy outfits,

sleepers, blankets, bath towels, etc. Leslyee, one of our clients, is donating a bassinet for Michelle also. I think we will try to purchase a stroller and car seat for her with money we have had donated. Her plans right now are to move back to Mexico after she delivers so we will keep the furniture at a minimum. I Anne Callanan has been our contact for Michelle and will continue to keep us posted on what her needs are.

In late April the Hillside School in Naperville is having their Spring Clothing sale again. I will get a list to Julie and Anne ahead of time of what we still have in inventory and see what they can find (we are allowed to go in at the end of the sale and take anything we need from their leftovers, it has been great for the past two years!!)

We collected some additional Baby Bottles that have been taken to WCS in the past few weeks. I don't have an official total yet but I believe we ended up around \$1200 in donations for the WCS Baby Bottles for Life Collection. We are so lucky to have a parish so willing to help!!

September Club

The September Club is hosting a Pot-Luck Supper this month.

Sharing Parish

Maureen Guttosch is collecting Easter donations of hams and grocery store gift cards for distribution to families at Sacred Heart and St. Nicholas as well as to needy families at SMMP.

St. Joseph Ministry

No report at this time.

St. Vincent DePaul

This month we helped:

- A man who is caring for his invalid wife
- A person transition after loss of job into a new one
- A person with dental and phone bills who is unemployed and will be moving
- A family with the father not working and the mother is an invalid

Sunday Nursery

No report at this time.

Transitional Housing / Daybreak

We are working on helping our guest who will graduate in May to budget and figure out an affordable rent that she will be able to pay for her new apartment. Catholic Charities and her mentors are also assisting her with her apartment search-offering advice and agencies to contact.

Our second guest has located a new, full time job with a pay increase. She is also concerned about her level of income and what will happen once she graduates next year once she needs to locate an affordable unit. While she knows she has a full year left in the program she is aware that her income level is approximately \$11.00/hr. which is quite low to afford apartments in the area. This guest did get on the voucher list but there is no assurance she will become eligible for a voucher before graduation. We are working with her and trying to keep her focused on today, while planning for tomorrow. One positive step for this guest is that she is learning to look ahead and plan. This is not a lesson all who enter this program learn but one which makes it possible to succeed once they graduate.

Many of the families who enter our program have not learned to look ahead beyond today and tomorrow. They also do not know how to reach out for help and are often surprised how much help is out there if they know who and how to ask for it. Our mentors and Catholic Charities work hard to teach these lessons, lessons that many of us have learned while growing up.
Submitted by Anne-Marie Cronin

Christian Worship Commission Report -- April 2011

Altar Servers: No Report at this time.

Art and Environment: The new carpet for the sanctuary has been installed. Plans for the Easter environment are ongoing.

Baptism assistants: No report at this time.

Choirs: Both choirs are rehearsing for Easter.

Eucharistic Ministers: Future plans are to have another training session sometime in May.

Greeters: Plans are to use sign-up sheets for the various Holy Week Masses. We used them last year for the first time. This allowed us to have adequate coverage for all the Masses.

Lectors: We had a training session for new lectors. We only had a few new ones and the training went well.

Linen Launderers: No report at this time.

Liturgy Development Committee: This group has been meeting and putting final touches to the Lenten and Easter Liturgies.

Sacristans: The transition to substantial bread for the 9AM and 10:45AM went very smoothly. We did have quite a bit of consecrated bread left after the 10:45 Mass. The EM's had to consume it. There was a very small amount of crumbs left in the bowl, which we attribute to the presider's breaking of the celebration bread. This was also the weekend of the time change so that may have played into our overestimate of bread. A special thanks to all who put in extra time to see this through. I'm very pleased with the results of our planning.

Submitted By Nancy Rutkowski

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE

2010-2011 REQUEST QUEUE

ORGANIZATION	DATE RECEIVED	AMOUNT REQUESTED	DISTRIBUTION DATE	CCC MEMBER ASSIGNED	DATE TO BE DISCUSSED	AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED
Hope for Tomorrow, Inc	2/13/10	\$4,995.			01/11/2011	0
TriCounty Special Recreation Ass'n	2/24/10	\$3,000.		Jim Kaduk	10/12/2010	\$500
We Grow Dreams	5/28/09		10/14/2010	Ann Schwartz	11/09/2010	\$3,000
Guardian Angel Community Service	08/31/2010		10/14/2010	Don Cronauer	11/09/2010	\$2,500
Northern Illinois Food Bank	09/07/2010		10/14/2010	Candido P.	01/11/2011	\$3,000
Marklund Charities	10/01/2010		10/14/2010	Pam Cieslak	11/09/2010	\$2,000
Campfire USA			10/14/2010	Joe Straka	11/09/2010	\$1,000
Mujeres Latinas de Accion	08/27/2010		10/14/2010	Phil Dupont	12/14/2010	\$2,500
Ecumenical Adult Care	07/09/2010		11/09/2010	Phil Dupont	12/14/2010	\$2,500
Community Housing Association of Dupage	08/26/2010		11/09/2010	Pam Cieslak	01/11/2011	\$2,400
People's Resource Ctr.	10/05/2010		11/09/2010	Jim Kaduk	12/14/2010	\$3,000
Humanitarian Service Project	09/10/2010		11/09/2010	Charles O.Martinez	12/14/2010	\$2,400
Dupage Senior Citizen Council	10/17/2010			Ann Schwartz	01/11/2011	\$3,000
Franciscan Outreach Assn	10/31/2010		11/09/2010	Don Cronauer	12/12/2010	\$3,000
Teen Parent Connection	11/07/2010			Joe Straka	01/11/2011	\$2,000
Loaves and Fishes	07/13/2010			Jim Kaduk	02/08/2011	\$1,000
Will Cty Center for Community Concerns	08/26/2010			Don Cronauer	02/08/2011	\$1,000
House of the Good Shepard	11/21/2010			CharlesO. Martinez	02/08/2011	\$1,441
Naperville Cares	10/20/2010			Anne Schwartz	12/14/2010	\$3,000
Voluntary Missionary Movement	01/2011			Jim Kaduk	02/08/2011	\$2,000
Nami	02/2011			Pam Cieslak	02/2011	\$1,441
				\$40,650 budgeted amt.	+ 2,032 concert donations	= \$42,682 Total of distributions