

Parish Life Council Meeting
Thursday, September 24, 2009

Members present: Father Boyer, Deacon Byron Jacobson, Bob Winstead, Fran Marsom, Dottie Morris, Marilyn Kish, Vince Kish, Barbara Meyer, Chris Meyer, Lori Blankenship, Mary Bojarski, Brenda Imy, Dana Ezell, Theresa Bragg, David Clark and Cheryl Jacobson

Knights of Columbus: Bob Winstead

The Knights of Columbus Garage sale was very successful. In lieu of their hard work, Carl and Kelly Deaver were nominated as the Family of the Month.

The Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, August 30th, had approximately 150 in attendance and 120 for hot dogs after the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

There are two new Knights as of September 23.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2009. The Knights of Columbus will be celebrating at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 11th. The Knights and Ladies will be serving as the liturgical ministers.

Ladies Auxiliary: Marilyn Kish

The next quilting will be held on Saturday, October 10th. The ladies continue to donate their quilts to various organizations.

The ladies hosted the Catechist Brunch on Sunday, September 20th, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Fran Marsom

The Feast of St. Vincent de Paul will be celebrated at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 27th.

The society is experiencing about 20 calls a day for assistance, with \$2,400.00 being spent each week. There is a \$4,000.00 balance in the checking account.

The society is in need of more furniture to give to those assisting assistance.

The Walk for the Poor is scheduled for Saturday, September 26th, along with a silent auction.

The society has two new members bringing the total number of Vincentians to 23 members.

Food for Friends: Brenda Imy

The parishioners in this ministry are all receiving their food handler cards.

There are more people being served lunch at Food for Friends than ever before.

All Saints Catholic School: Theresa Bragg

The steel is up for the new gymnasium!

There are currently 442 students enrolled at the school and 200 are from St. Mark's.

There have been some administrative changes at ASCS. Dana Wade is the new Vice-Principal and Theresa Bragg is the new Director of Operations.

The Eagle mascot for the school will be present at the Walk for the Poor and his new name will be revealed.

Daily Bread/First Communion: Mary Bojarski

The number of clients in June and July grew to 150 at the Food Pantry. The new location is on Industrial Blvd. by Norman North High School.

The Thanksgiving Food Drive will begin the weekend of October 31/Nov. 1st.

La Baguette has been donating 20 loaves of bread each week and increased that number to 65.

There are 49 students currently preparing for 1st Reconciliation/Communion at this time.

Mary is planning on chairing the Just Faith Ministry. There are 36 weeks of Catholic teaching with this course. This is a very spiritual and social justice-driven ministry. This ministry will begin within the next couple of months.

RCIA/RCIC/Liturgical Ministry: Deacon Byron Jacobson

There are about 40 inquirers for RCIA, along with 30 sponsors. The interviews for this group have begun. There are six children in the RCIC program.

We still have a couple of weddings scheduled before the end of the year.

50+ Group: Barbara Meyer

Barbara Meyer and Marilyn Kish are co-chairing the 50+ Group.

The 50+ group will be joining the St. Joseph's Golden Agers in October at Kiwanis Park in Norman. The November luncheon will be held on November 10th.

The group is planning a trip to the museum in Guthrie on December 2nd and planning a hoedown in January.

Women of St. Mark: Chris Thomas

The Women's Conference held on Saturday, August 22nd, was very successful with 300 people in attendance. The Women of St. Mark thanked the K of C, the Ladies Auxiliary and all of the other many volunteers. The feedback from the conference has been very positive. The Priest' Panel went very well.

Visitations to the nursing homes are going well.

40 Days for Life: Vince Kish

The 40 Days for Life are September 23-November 1st. Volunteers are needed.

The rosary is prayed Tuesday-Friday in Norman at the Abortion Clinic located at 2453 Wilcox Dr.

On October 4th there will be a Life Chain on Lindsey St., east and west from Planned Parenthood.

Religious Education: Lori Blankenship

The Ladies Auxiliary were thanked for the wonderful brunch they served the catechists and their families on Sunday, September 20th.

The RE Program for PreK through 8th grade is off to a great start. There are 202 students enrolled, down from 215 last year. There are 34 students who did not return this year from 21 families. Eight of the 1st communicants did not return to RE this year. There are 58 new students to RE this year, 11 are in Pre-K, representing about 31 new/or returning families to RE.

There are 16 catechists and 16 aides sharing their faith with our children this year. Four plan to attend the Catechetical Congress on Saturday, September 26th.

Lori brought up a concern about the hospitality desk in the narthex being closed at times and thinking the gift case and hospitality cases should be two separate ministries, as the gift case can get very busy and has grown over the years. This discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Hospitality: Dana Ezell

Donuts will be hosted by Mother's Day Out on Sunday, October 11th and the youth of the parish on Sunday, November 8th.

New Business: Father Boyer

The statewide Men's Conference will be held in February at the Embassy Suites in Norman.

Lessons and Carols will be hosted by our very own choir on Sunday, December 13th, at 4:00 p.m.

The West-side Norman Regional Hospital will be opening in late October. The communion ministers from St. Joseph's will continue to minister to Norman Regional Hospital.

Fr. Marc Boisvert from Haiti will be visiting all of us at St. Mark's on the weekend of October 17/18.

The Building and Grounds Committee will be working on the leakage, material failure, surface water and storage issue problems that we have here at St. Mark's.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 22, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in the boardroom.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Jacobson