

MINUTES

Family Life Committee Meeting Wednesday, May 19th, 2010

Present: Verna Panka, Donna Cipra, Mary Novey, Nancy Becker, Jeri Kluesner, Maurie and Lettie Oehler, Mark and Ann Grunwald, Doris Krogman

Absent: Shirley Cipra, Rob & Vicki Samples, John Chaffee

Meeting opened with a special meeting prayer (Maurie) at 7:00 in St. Gabriel's school teacher lounge. Minutes were approved as written. Account balance is \$587.29.

Joanne and Joe Faust will soon be moving. **Thank you** card signed by Family Life Committee members and a framed photo of the church will be given for the many years of service including leadership of the guitar choir at St. John's parish.

The **Prayer Partner** project has been completed for this year. Some confusion over a student who was not Catholic and therefore did not get confirmed. Will try to correct this next year. The group wants to continue this project.

Nancy will make the prayer cards and committee members signed up for delivery of angels to parishioners in the **Angel Project**.

Welcome for new parishioners project: 40 booklets were printed and given to Fr. Weighner. Verna will check to see if they have been placed in back of churches and if not, will contact Fr. W. Decided to have sub-committee chairperson, Mary Novey, check monthly with secretaries to see if there are any new parish members.

Doris reported that the **Depression Support** group met last week and will meet once per month.

Faith Alive Monday study group has one session remaining. Many positive comments about the study group materials used this time. Tabled the decision about new study group topic/book/series until *Sunday, August 8 at 6:30 in St. John's hall*. All interested parish members will be asked to attend. Those attending will bring samples of suggested study guides and will make the decision about series to use. Fr. W. will be contacted prior to this date by Jeri to see if he or Fr. Amal would be willing to lead a Bible study group if the "Adventure" series is chosen.

Maurie Oehler reported on finalized plans for the **Parish Pilgrimage** to the shrine. It will be offered on Saturday, September 11 with arrival at 9:15. Maurie will coordinate the car pool and distribution of information about this event and sign-up. He will put information in the church bulletin and in the back of church. A definite count is needed of those who wish to purchase lunch on site. The menu must be chosen in advance. Cost will be \$9.95 plus gratuity. He will inquire about the possibility of a discount for children. Parishioners could also choose to bring a bag lunch.

Rosary leaders were found for all the Masses during May at St. Gabriel's and for weekend Masses at St. John's. Jeri Kluesner has people signed up to lead the rosary before Mass throughout the rest of the year on weekends. However, she will hold off on designing a permanent schedule until the Mass schedule is finalized.

Plans are set for a week long **youth mission** "Totus Tuus" (Totally Yours). Dates are June 19th – 25th. Four team leaders will be staying with parishioners and meeting with grade school youth during the day and with the high school youth in the evenings. Fr. Weighner will contact Family Life Committee (Verna) if he needs help with making/serving meals for the mission.

Jeff Heinzen and his wife, Alice, are willing to come to PdC in the fall to lead an evening **Marriage Enrichment** for couples followed by a spaghetti dinner with waffle ice cream cones for dessert. The committee chose Saturday, October 23 or October 30 as potential dates for this activity. Fees will include mileage, accommodations and a small gratuity. Jeff is sending Verna the book "Men are Like Waffles and Women are Like Spaghetti". She will rotate it around to members of the committee. Jeff will also send prayer pamphlets "St. Ignatius' Examen of Consciousness" to be distributed to Holy Name Society men's group. She will place 25 copies in the back of each church.

There will be no committee meetings during June and July. Our **next meeting** will be on August 8, the Faith Alive Bible study organizational meeting previously mentioned in the minutes. Meeting closed with a prayer and special intentions for priest vocations.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Becker