

## Parish Council Minutes for 31 March 2011:

### Committee Reports:

#### Finance:

- To date, over 30 people have signed up for the new online giving option. The Finance Council would like to encourage people to consider this option.
- Sunday collections have increased slightly but this is still a concern and the hope is that more parishioners will be able to increase their support of the parish.
- The “houses of formation” are not a financial burden for the parish. Rather, they generate a very modest amount of revenue for the parish.
- Catholic Urban Project has recently been given a grant and has completed several fundraising events which continue to ensure that the parish can serve the poor in our community.
- And end of the fiscal year report will be prepared and delivered to members of the parish this year.

#### Worship:

- Times for decorating for Easter (including Holy Thursday) are being set and will soon be available.
- The Lenten penance service, with individual confession, is set for April 6 at 7:00pm. Six priests will be on hand and all are encouraged to attend.
- A rehearsal for key ministers participating in the Easter vigil will occur on Monday or Wednesday of Holy Week.
- Palm Sunday processions will occur at the onset of each mass and will begin in the Gathering Space and proceed through the “late entrance.”
- RCIA: approximately 12 people will be received into full communion with the Church year.
- A schedule for devotions for Divine Mercy was decided upon and will be published in the parish bulletin.
- John Paul II’s beatification will receive special attention on Divine Mercy Sunday.
- The annual Seder meal is set for April 19 and is being promoted in the parish.

General business:

- A parish picnic was discussed but council members do not feel that we should undertake it at this time. Will be reconsidered in the future.
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays will be continued throughout the summer.
- Saint Patrick's Day party was a great success. Next year, St. Patrick's Day actually falls on a Saturday and the party is now scheduled for then. We affirm that ticket sales must be accomplished in advance, as was the practice this year.
- Parish membership:
  - o New families now over 170!
  - o Parish council will conduct a "membership drive" the weekend of May 21/22.
- Next meeting: May 5<sup>th</sup>.