

## Stewardship Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2023

### Check-ins

- Dan is a Grandpa! The entire family is healthy and happy. Prayers for them to be home soon.
- Walt's daughter got married, travelled to Vietnam, travelled to Mexico, and is leaving for Bangkok this week. Having a great time celebrating marriages and family.
- Father Tony went to Hilton Head to visit family as they renewed vows
- Terri leaves for Bloomington to see her son and will have her daughter in town for the holiday. Prayers for her friend, Jenny, who found out she has cancer with minimal time left.
- Megan's twins will be a year old in December!

### Updates

- St. Joan of Arc and St. Mabels priest is in poor health. Their Father may not be coming back to the parish. Father Tony is currently helping the parish as they are figuring out their next steps. Please pray for their priest and parishioners while they go through this difficult time.
- Father Tony just submitted his final request for an extension before his retirement.
- Staff Christmas gifts are done and ready to be shared with the staff!
- Stewardship committee has a basket to donate for the Signature Event. Please venmo (DMCL1 and last 4 of his cell phone are 6765) Dan or give him cash next time you see him.
- Donut Sunday is December 10<sup>th</sup> (Kay at 7:30, Terri at 9:00 and 10:45)
  - o January 14<sup>th</sup> we will need people signed up, Megan will send out an email

### Sub Committee Updates

- Annual Renewal
  - o Testimonial and commitment weekend are now complete
  - o We have 210 responses from parishioners (last year we had over 500 total)
  - o Megan will report on the total of pledges once we have a more accurate number
  - o For 2023, we are doing well on our pledge commitments and what we budget for. We had been under but we seem to be on track again.
  - o Start thinking of potential ideas of who could do the testimonial next year
  - o Two new questions in the renewal
    - "Would you be interested in being discerned in a committee?"
    - "Are there other gifts you would like to share that are not reflected in this form?"
  - o We will have a renewal recap next month in December
- Youth Stewardship
  - o Passports were passed out at the August Open House
  - o The team wants to follow up with the families
  - o We will put a designated space in the gathering space by the "kid area"
  - o Want an updated list of potential volunteer ideas
  - o Send out follow-up emails to the parents

- Potentially hand these out at Donut Sunday and partner with the “Kids Corner” that Faith Formation has started
- Goal is to get an email out before Thanksgiving to link in with Advent
  - Potentially get a Lent email made as well
- We will be talking to the confirmation kids in the Spring
- Parish Ambassadors
  - Had another training session
  - 82 households this year!
  - We want to see how many of them have contributed financially or with their time over the past 3 years
  - Put a new parishioner event on the calendar
- Stewardship Communications
  - Bulletin has changed
    - It is more in depth and thorough for parishioners to know what is going on at this parish
  - In order to build a culture of Stewardship we need to focus our messaging
    - We need to audit what the parishioners are taking in