**Pastoral Council Meeting**

**March 25, 2019**

**Attendance:** Jeff Rohrer, Mary Lou Hahn-Setta, Father Bill, Kathie Day, Tom Turek, Shelley Wheaton, Scott Staelgrave, Pat Rohrer

**Welcome and Prayer-** Scott led the Hail Mary

**Old Business:**

1. **Parish Mission Recap**- Mary Lou gave us a copy of the survey results turned in by parishioners, very positive. About 260 attended Monday’s session and 220 Tuesday’s. One parishioner said it should be offered each year. Most did not realize that 4/5s of the money came from the Parish budget and free will offerings. Mary Lou will put this in the bulletin. Father Bill added that Mike gave a solid message that he was meaningful and enjoyable, worth the money.
2. **Benefit Concert-** Kathie gave information about the benefit concert for the Holy Land. The concert will be Sunday, May 19 at 3:00 PM with a meal to follow at 4:30. This is Baccalaureate Sunday but there will be no conflicts in use of the Parish Center.

**New Business:**

**Summer Retreat-** Pastoral Council Members get together to plan the year. Saturday, July 27 is the proposed date. Lunch, plan then attend 4:30 mass.

1. **Pastor’s Report-** Major flood damage on the south wall of the rectory. Father’s 40 Anniversary Dinner plans going well, about 275 have made reservations for dinner.
2. **Religious Education-** Marita working with RCIA candidates. She sent notes. The First Communion potluck was held on March 17. Fr. Bill gave a homily about the wedding feast at Cana and explained that important events in our lives have special meals like birthdays and Christmas. He explained that Jesus calls us to a special meal each Sunday that feeds our souls with his Body and Blood. Marita asked us all to pray for the first communicants and their families. The first communicants chose their banner material and a prayer that would remind them that Jesus is always with them.
3. **Youth Ministry-** St. Mary and St. Thomas youth groups and St. Thomas young adults will go to Theology on Tap at Connor O’Neil’s to meet with Bishop Boyea on March 26.

Six youth will be a part of the Diocesan Youth Leadership Camp. St. Mary most in the Diocese.

Next proposed ministry is Women’s Retreat (not in DeWitt) at the Comfort Inn in the fall.

Tyler Baxter, a special young man from our Parish attended Special Olympics. He took a silver medal for individual bowling, a bronze for team bowling and a gold for doubles bowling.

Father Bill will put this information in the bulletin.

1. **K of C-** Tom said that the group gave $500 for the Parish Mission but with the great response to the Mission, Tom believes next Mission they will donate more.

**Upcoming Events**

**Lenten Fish Dinner- Fridays, March 8-April 12**

**Father Bill’s 40th Ordination Anniversary- March 30**

**Parish Clean up- April 27**

**Closing Prayer- Fr. Bill**

Pat Rohrer