**Pastoral Council Accomplishments:**

1. Biennial review of the Constitution and By Laws of St Thomas More.
2. Photos on the STM website and new name tags for the Pastoral  
   Council to encourage greater awareness by the members and ultimately to increase communication.
3. Started the review of the Stewardship form for 2018-2019. This will be continued in August 2018.
4. Welcome Committee formation with support from Church Life/Family Life and the Worship & Spirituality commissions.
5. Revised NE entrance updates for handicap accessibility by having  
   the ushers ask those who are in wheelchairs where they want to sit and then rearrange the chairs to make it happen. Kent, Norma and Judy to work on 36-39 inches behind the last row of chairs.
6. Served a meal at Catholic Worker House.
7. Graduation Cards to all STM HS graduates.

**Worship & Spirituality Commission Accomplishments:**

1. Successful use of lower level for Christmas, Easter and overflow at Masses, especially the 11:00 Mass when the lower level has been used consistently.
2. Successful planning and scheduling of liturgies for different liturgical seasons with success of minister scheduling for each of them.
3. Beautiful decorating of liturgy space by the Arts and Environment Committee
4. Enhancement of outdoor space with flowers, etc. by Arts and Environment Committee.
5. Training of additional ministers. In FY18 we trained an additional 16 acolytes, 18 Eucharistic ministers, 15 readers and 8 ushers.
6. Inclusion of items in the bulletin to make parishioners more aware of liturgical seasons, such as at Advent.
7. In the music ministry, continuation of new singers and instrumentalists, cantata performance before Christmas and performance of “*Godspell*.”

**Church/Family Life Commission Accomplishments**

**June 2017- May 2018**

**Activity Number Attended**

1. Fr. Page’s Good-Bye Dinner (w/Knights) 170

Fr. Chuck’s Installation Dinner (w/Knights) 250

Oct. Funeral served 70, volunteers 20

Nov. Funeral served 120, volunteers 22

Christmas Caroling 20

Jan. Funeral served 55, volunteers 6

**Activity Number Attended**

Jan. Game Night 35

Confirmation reception 80

New Parishioner breakfast 25

Soup Supper (w/Knights) 150

Easter Vigil

April Game Night 33

April Funeral 240 served

May Baskets 30 donations; 15 stuffing; 30 distributed May Funeral 64 served

Knitting Ministry (monthly meetings) 5-10/month

Coffee & Doughnuts (weekly) 100-150/weekend

**STM Social Justice Commission Accomplishments:**

1. Sponsored John Dear (Non-Violence, Environmental Sustainability) as parish wide speaker event (May 2018)
   1. Approximately 200 parishioners and members of other parishes (across Diocese) attended event
   2. Approximately 14 Commission members participated
2. Coordinated parish wide letter writing campaign (April 2018) with Bread for the World (Christian advocacy group) to advocate for domestic and international hunger and poverty programs.
   1. 173 letters were collected and blessed in front of all masses.  Letters will be hand delivered to Washington DC in June.
   2. Approximately 12 Commission members participated.  Others (approximately five) were also involved in planning process over several months
3. Participated in Johnson County CROP Walk (April 2018)
   1. St. Thomas More team raised $535 to help end hunger both locally and abroad
   2. 9 Commission members or parishioners attended
4. Fair Trade Sales netted proceeds of $900 that was applied in the February 2018 tithing (charitable) funding grant cycle
   1. A total of $4,850 was disbursed in a variety of standard and discretionary donations (February 2018)
5. Partnered with the Knights of Columbus to conduct a Spaghetti Dinner (January 2018) benefitting the Iowa City Free Lunch Program
   1. The free will donation event netted a total of $700.
   2. Approximately 7 Commission members participated or donated food or desserts toward the event
6. Conducted third annual parish wide Shelter House Toiletry Drive (December 2017)
   1. Donations collected filled an entire car full of donations (requested toiletries, cash donations)
   2. Approximately 7 Commission members participated
7. Sponsored Kathy Kelly (Voices for Creative Non Violence) for parish wide speaker event (December 2017)
   1. Approximately 30 parishioners attended event
   2. Approximately 5 Commission members participated
8. Conducted Salvation Army Toys for Tots Drive (December 2017)
   1. Collected and delivered two car loads of toys; Three Commission members assisted with planning and delivery
9. Assisted with Gifts for Parents Drive at St. Mark's United Methodist Church (Iowa City) (December 2017)
   1. 4 Commission members assisted/volunteered in addition to other related family members
10. Coordinated Holiday Giving Tree (December 2017)
    1. One Commission member (Cece) put out tags and delivered donations including pajamas, socks, underwear, medicine, diapers, wipes, and formula
11. Conducted Spotlight Weekend (November 2017)
    1. Recruited approximately 10 new prospects with various interests for future outreach
    2. Approximately 8 Commission members participated
12. Created separate "Green Team" sub-committee focused on sustainability issues (All Year)
    1. Implemented Laudato Si Mug Project where reusable mugs were introduced for downstairs coffee & donuts.
    2. Green team drove the use of compostable cups and Fair Trade coffee (both upstairs and downstairs) which are available for general parish use
    3. Two Commission members help with the Sunday clean up duties (dishwashing cups, composting donut boxes
13. Added Fair Trade events (All Year) - Monthly Fair Trade sales were started to increase awareness of ways we can affect fair labor practices and sustainable farming practices.  The sales also continue to generate extra funding for tithing grants.  10 volunteers have shared the responsibility for staffing the sales, for a total of 10 volunteer hours per month.
14. Participated in Catholic Worker House events (All Year) - members of the Social Justice committee have participated in monthly meal preparation and serving, service at the foot clinic, and collection of coats and pantry items.  Increased awareness of the CWH has assisted in coordinating other group volunteers as well (Youth group, Knights of Columbus).   Approximately 10 members of the Commission currently participate, and well over two dozen parishioners.
15. Coordinated and promoted Last Shall Be First Food Panty Collection (All Year)
    1. During 2017 the parish collected over 5,700 lbs.
    2. Over 50 different parishioners were involved in these efforts
16. Partnered with Knights of Columbus on Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build (June, July, August 2017)
    1. Promoted parish wide involvement; STM filled 49 volunteer spots and helped to contribute 196 cumulative hours
17. Conducted fundraising lunch event to benefit Action for Africa, not for profit that purchases and sends medical supplies to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (July 2017)
    1. $1,200 was collected from the event with approximately 50-75 parishioners attending
    2. Approximately 8 Commission members participated
18. Disbursed total of $3,950 in a variety of standard and discretionary donations (July 2017) (can provide specifics if needed)
19. Volunteered in the North Liberty Summer Lunch and Fun Program (Summer 2017)
    1. Program served over 7,000 meals last summer
    2. At least three Commission members assisted in serving food during various shifts
    3. Program still uses the serving utensils and dishes donated by St. Thomas More
20. Participated in NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Walk in Iowa City (May 2017)
    1. Approximately $1,400 was raised through the event