

Parish Council

Ministry report

**St. Peter the Apostle
Catholic Church**

May 2019

Data Collected: Date 5/15/19

Twice a year the Parish Council gathers data via questionnaires from all ministries involved with the Parish. Our goal is to identify the fruits of our Parish's many dimensions on a regular basis. We also incorporate this data into our 7 year pastoral plan (developed in 2016).

The report below has been the distillation of reports collected in May 2019. It is unfortunate that delays have postponed the publishing of this summary for 6 months.

There were 82 ministries that responded to the questionnaire. The details below focus on **Growth**, **Trends** (when available), **Success stories**, and **Action** items. Each category contains ministries as they are assigned to an organizational pillar (ie. Catechesis and Formation)

It is notable that ~25% of the ministries in our parish provided little or no reportable information. The Parish council hopes that sharing this detail will assist our Parish in understanding the direction we are growing and the needs of our parishioners. We hope to reduce the amount of "no reports" and use this format to expedite subsequent reports in the future.

Growth

Catechesis and Formation

Adult Bible and Faith Studies (ABFS): Fall 262 and Spring 373 participants
"5 Minutes": Currently, 7 (Sun) and 15 (Wed) participants is a 40% and 60% increase, respectively.

Good Shepherd: registered 182 children 2018-2019. Classes are offered 5 days a week & they are considering expanding the time allotted.

Catechetical Certification: adding 2-3 *level-3* leaders to the existing 3 leaders.

Confirmation Prep: is guiding 7 new adult inquiries.

Confirmation: 60 students received the sacrament.

Elementary Faith Formation (FF): Increased 85-97 students (Sun) and 107 to 116 (Wed) [2018 to 2019]

Family Faith Nights: sponsored two nights with the following participation Advent 121 people in 2017 & 111 in 2018 and Lenten night 84 (2017) - 85 (2018)

Middle School (MS) & High School (HS) FF: averages 84 students (Sun) at Life Teen 36 (Wed) for Confirmation & Edge. 29 students are active in ACTS. Liturgy Of the Word for children: averages 20/session and are supported by 24 volunteers

MS FF: Each grade level had 40 students/week (Fall) and 30/ week (Spring) There are 44 volunteers.

Nursery: This service is open 7 days a week. serves 35 children Sunday morning (3 Masses)

RCIA: Currently there are 5 Spanish and 9 English participants (2018?)
1st Reconciliation: 73 children celebrated in Feb. There are 3 coordinators.

Evangelization

Alpha: 61 participants (Spring 2019)

New Parishioner Welcome: averages 12 new families per month

ACTS Increased participation. MACTS 40+, WACTS 30+, SM-ACTS 13+.

No data SW-ACTS

Music ministry: has 4 new members

Six dates: 9 couples participated most recently.

Quinceanera: There were 3 celebrations in the first quarter

Barron, Church Tour, Cookie, DME, Ministry Fair, New Horizons, V-encuentro, Adoration, Journey together, Parish Festival, Theology on the Rocks, TOT, Adoration, Altar care, Altar servers, Cursillo, Eucharistic ministers, Funeral, Lector, Liturgy, Hospitality, Little saints, Prayer team, Senior ministry, Sunshine, Shepherds of Christ, Wedding team provided NO DATA on participation.

Prayerfulness

ACTS: 4 spiritual companions completed training. Core team has 12 speakers (6 bilingual)

Altar Care Society: Prepared the sanctuary for Holy Triduum services.

Developed a guide for all procedures and supplies.

Engaged Couples: added 3 new sponsor couples to assist couples in preparation.

Adoration, Altar servers, cursillo, Ultreya, Funeral, Lectors, Liturgy, hospitality, Little Saints, Prayer Team, Young at heart, Sunshine, Shepherds of Christ, Six dates, Wedding team, and Quince provided NO DATA on growth.

Stewardship

No DATA on participation

Unity

Women's Faith council: hosted 3 events (2019)

Jail ministry: The leadership is seeing increased participation & more volunteers up from 28 to 45.

Financial Peace: taught 4 couples (2019)

Faith Sharing Group: increased 15 to 23 participants

CDA, Mission council, Mens Faith sharing, communion to the sick, faithful quilters, Guadalupana, Hispanic Ministry, KOC, Stephen ministry, We Care! You Can!, and Women of Wisdom provided NO DATA on participation

Youth & Young Adults See Catechesis and formation

Scouting at St Peter the Apostle has seen a doubling of their size (80 scouts) this year.

No Data on Vocations ministry, Catholic Camp

Success Stories

Catechesis and Formation

ABFS: hosted a retreat for 40 parishioners involved in catechesis

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (COGS): increased Tuesday session to 2 hours. "Material Making days" in Spring and Summer used to prepare teaching materials for the upcoming year.

CC: Catechists are completing level 1-3 training (3 Level III and 4 Level I)

Confirmation Prep: Has a new curriculum for adults and Lifeteen.

EFF: Earlier class schedule provided less Mass conflicts. 5th grade dramatized "Our lady of Guadalupe"

FF nights: Craft projects were blended into scripture and bible stories (Lent & Advent)

Life Teen: series of topics included: vocations, adoration, abstinence. LT international conference in September 2019. Many teens are involved in leadership conferences at Covecrest and Benedictine College.

RCIA: has developed a new 1 year program (bilingual) and a coordination with Alpha is anticipated.

1st Reconciliation/ Eucharist: received high praise from participants.

VBS: used the "ROAR" curriculum for 2019 and had a very successful program.

Evangelization

Alpha: Good response and expecting to increase Mass participation.

Journey Together: 24 hour rosary, clothing drives for the poor, and Christmas gifts provided to local Woman's Shelter.

Prayerfulness

ACTS: Developed new storage and meeting space. Planning "post retreat" activities to enhance the building of community.

Young at Heart: coordinated fellowship in a variety of venues (ie. luncheon, movies, etc.)

Shepherds of Christ: Pray for priests and renewal of the church. Fatima rosary

Stewardship

Blood Drive: collected 102 pints and is anticipating the next drive soon.

Bulk Mail: attached St. Michael's prayer to Missal, distributed advent schedules, and little black book for lent.

Communications/ Social Media: FB reached 1000 followers. Developed an on-line registration and a stream-lined calendaring request process.

Unity

Womens Faith Council: offered 2 parish events for fellowship

Catholic Daughters of America (CDA): sponsored epiphany party and Easter celebration, Fish Fry, and other fundraisers.

Knights of Columbus: have taken on many fundraising projects and donated 100's of hours of hard work to update and prepare the new property for its use within our parish.

Jail ministry: Inmates moved by the faith & fellowship exhibit better conduct inside the prison. Services - catechesis, baptism, evangelization, and confession have been provided.

Respect Life: consistently gets 90% of a 55 passenger charter bus w/ lunch to attend the Annual Texas Rally for Life (Austin Texas).

Youth & Young Adults

Several scouts received their religious awards and one Scout leader received Firefighter of the Year as a member of the Leon Springs VFD.

refer to FF and Lifeteen above

Action Items

Catechesis and Formation

ABFS: Budgeted money for new bilingual studies.

WIFI access to stream on-line services more easily. (ie Formed videos).

Access to FlockNotes for distribution of notices

Staff member support

Nursery availability

Baptism Class: Financial support for baptism guides and CCC's.

Nursery availability.

COGS: Additional funding for leadership training & a larger space

Confirmation Preparation: continued publicity in the bulletin and from the pulpit.

Liturgy of the Word (LOTW): recommends the reminder that age ranges appropriate for participation are grades K-5th. Younger children require parental attendance.

Nursery: Increased budget for routine supplies.

RCIA: Nursery availability.

Additional support is requested for summer and fall social events

Anticipate coordinating future events with various ministries. Themes and

Pot-Luck styles could promote fellowship among the candidates.

Evangelization

Alpha: A larger budget for advertising, supplies, and food. Est. \$2250/course.

Staff support for advertising and additional signage on Main street.

Prayerfulness

Altar Care Society: Would like to store current written procedures (polishing, cleaning, and Linen care schedules) with staff for reference.

Young at Heart: requests Name change in all resources.

Stewardship

No Reported requests

Unity

Women's Faith Council: nursery availability

CDA: Nursery availability.

Funds to support their bereavement committee and storage space for items (ie. table cloths, utensils, and centerpieces).

Jail Ministry: Budget of \$300 for Kendall County (gift Bibles and Rosaries)

Financial Peace: Nursery availability

Youth & Young Adults

Our youth programs benefit significantly from the purchase of HEB cards.

Non-reporting ministries

Ministries that reported little to no detail are noted below: These ministries are active but we are not able to reflect their level of participation, growth, or accomplishments throughout the year. In the future, the leaders of these ministries are encouraged to help us understand their value in our Parish.

Church Tour Ministry	Spanish ACTS	Altar Servers	Moms of little Saints
Theology on the rocks	Cursillo/Witreyra	Stewardship & Development	Cookie Ministry
Adoration	Funerals ministry	Progressive Dinner	New Horizons
Lectors	Facilities committee	Discipleship, Membership, & Evangelization	V Encuentro
Ministers of Hospitality	Pictorial Directory	Facility	Communions to Sick & Home-bound
Women of Wisdom	We Care! You Can!	Stephen Ministry	Faithful Quilters
Knights of Columbus	Hispanic Ministry of Charity	Families of the Way	Guadalupana Society
NAMI	St. Vincent De Paul		

7 year Pastoral Plan correlation

Catechesis and Formation:

All levels of faith formation and Good Shepherd enrollment have increased significantly compared to 2018. The registration has surpassed previous LOTW for children sees consistent participation each week at Mass.

We have seen a transition to new leadership this year and foresee continued growth and an enhanced curriculum.

Evangelization

We currently see registration of 36 families per quarter (goal 30-40)

Marketing has improved with outstanding changes to the web site, calendar/scheduling and social media.

The Welcome advisors ministry is pending more foundational arrangements and needs to be developed to improve the experience of joining the parish and learning about ministry opportunities.

Prayerfulness

We are seeing continued workshops and missions at the parish level and more development is needed in the category of young adults (18-28 years old)

Adoration is underutilized and our Parish needs more prayerful participation.

ACTS missions & the Diaconate programs within the parish are attaining goals of growth and development. Follow up programs are needed after the ACTS retreats.

Vocations ministry and Marriage ministries are being developed and we aspire to promote and enhance these ministries by continued recruitment of candidates for the diaconate program and supporting ministries that enhance and enrich marriage.

Stewardship

Donations, Accounting, and development of the New property are not addressed in this report.

Unity

The council has witnessed ecumenical outreach through events such as: Day of Prayer, Theology on the Rocks, Annual Parish Festival., and the CDA Easter Egg Hunt. Multiple events promoted by the Knights of Columbus Council 10940, support of Hill Country PCC, our sister Parish in Mexico (Santa Maria de Los Angeles), Kendall County, and other ministries in local Jails are evolving. We have supported Archdiocese training workshops and met our goals for the Capital campaigns.

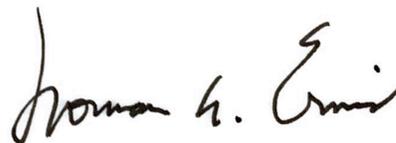
Fostering Disciples of Christ

Our continued support for teen activities, promotion of vocations, and involvement in programs from Catechesis to Adult Bible studies helps build faith and community. The work of our many ministries nurture the future of our faith and allows us to evangelize in our community.

Officially submitted & Completed 9/29/2019

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Brian K. Seastrunk, M.D.
Chairman, Pastoral Council

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Fr. Norman A. Ermis
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FF - Faith Formation

E - Elementary

LOTW - Liturgy of the word

CDA - Catholic Daughters of America

COGS - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

KOC - Knights of Columbus

VBS - Vacation Bible School

CC - Catechetical Certification

MACTS Mens ACTS

WACTS Womens ACTS

SM-ACTS Spanish Mens ACTS

SW-ACTS Spanish Womens ACTS