

Human Concerns Report

May 2023

Recent highlights:

- **Pewaukee Food Pantry Ministry**—Mary Weinlein attended meeting and provided background: the food pantry was started years ago by a former police chief and his wife. Mary became involved 26+ years ago. The number of people coming in continues to grow. There is no need to explain why they are there or “qualify” other than to show that they live in Pewaukee. The pantry is open Wednesdays and Saturdays. Food, personal items, cleaning supplies and other donations collected here are taken to the food pantry weekly. Steve Klopp is currently doing this. Lisa is checking their website for requested items and is including this information in the bulletin occasionally.
- **Bereavement Ministry**—The next session will be starting in June.
- **Funeral Luncheons**—No recent funerals.
- **Prayer Shawl**—Gail Fream reported that this ministry is continuing with no significant changes. Prayer Shawl has met with John regarding the budget. Two more layettes were delivered to Life’s Connection last week. Stephanie was meeting with Gail to discuss the banners made by Dorothy Newman.
- **Mercy Mats**—The Mercy Mat group continues to meet once per month.
- **Home Outreach**—Gerry Parenteau and Bunny Nogalski continue to go to Arbor View every Tuesday.
- **Christian Women**—Will be having their Mass followed by luncheon next week at Four Star restaurant and will be discussing leadership/voting in officers.
- **Respect-Life**—We continue to do a Holy Hour for Life on the third Monday of every month with 5 people regularly attending. Hoping to increase participation.
- **The Band**—No events this past month. *Question:* Will they be singing at Fr. Chuck’s anniversary party?
- **St. Dismas Jail Ministry**—Tom, John and Mike continue to provide this ministry.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society**—Over the past month 11 clients have been helped. Several were related to WE Energies shutoffs. In July they will be having their school supply drive. In August they will have their golf outing fundraiser. Will be putting together a gift basket for this.
- **St. Vincent de Paul – Bingo**—Bingo continues every third Monday. This brings in an average of \$400 per Bingo session, which is given to our St. Vincent de Paul ministry.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program**—The next meal is this Thursday May 18th. Sloppy Joes will be served. They are now reportedly serving around 120-150 people.

Last LFFC meeting April 4, 2023. May meeting skipped. Next meeting June 6, 2023

Faith Formation Intern – Ellie Shaw’s intern position at Queen of Apostles for 2023-2024 needs to be formalized with a letter of employment. Liz Kuhn plans to return as DRE unless the PET in June changes something.

Budget for 2023-2024 was completed and approved by Finance Council. Five families have outstanding balances for 2022-2023.

Surveys – Underway for Middle School Youth, High School Youth, and Elementary parents. Due are Middle School and High School parents. Confirmation surveys are done at each event and the interviews. Results will be shared with LFFC at our meetings.

Elementary School – Grade K4-5th/First Reconciliation and Eucharist

Elementary – On April 30/May 1, families created stepping stones. Parishioners Traci and Pat Bero helped with the planning and supplies. Al Kuhn and Denny Bersch helped with the execution of the project. Stones will be installed in the rosary path this summer – 53 Hail Marys. 6 Our Fathers, and a Crucifix/Cross TBD. Last Monday Meal was May 1.

First Communion – 15 Children celebrated on May 6 and 7.

Middle School and High School – Grade 6-11/Confirmation

Youth Mass – Last Youth Mass was held on April 16 at 10:30 mass with pancake breakfast after. Final numbers: 79 people from 28 families attended. 11 families responded no, 4 families did not respond. Requiring Mass at the second-to-last class allowed the youth to apply class teachings and discuss the experience at the last class. Catechists suggested starting and ending the year with a Youth Mass and Pancake Breakfast.

Confirmation – Father Chuck and Liz Kuhn completed Confirmation interviews. 8 Queen of Apostles youth celebrated on May 4 at St. Anthony on the Lake. Last class was mystagogy and Bubbas on May 7.

National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) – November 16-19 in Indianapolis. Deposits are due to the Archdiocese by June 8. Liz Kuhn will be sending information to every rising QOA 9th-12th grader.

Adult Ministry – Ages 18 and Up

RCIA/Adult Confirmation – Liz Kuhn is working with an adult confirmand. She has also contacted 2 adults interested in baptism. A third adult is considering baptism.

Adult Bible Study – Finishing up “How to Pray like Mary” April 12/13 thru May 17/18.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Klopp

Prayer and Worship Report

We will continue to use the East section for masked parishioners until no one no longer sits there.

Holy Thursday was the return of the Blood of Christ at all masses. Our estimate is that about 30% of attendees are receiving the cup.

We ordered 900 palms to be distributed at the masses and some larger palms were ordered to use for decorating the church. The number seemed good. There were only a few palms not taken at the end of all the masses Easter Sunday. Processing into church from the Gathering Space was very meaningful and almost everyone participated.

Once again the Altar of Repose was set up in Grellinger Hall. We left space behind the folding wall for the Faith Formation Program held on Good Friday.

It was decided to have one person read the presentation of the oils on Holy Thursday. It makes it easier to find volunteers to present the oils if they don't need to read the presentation themselves.

Holy Thursday Washing of the Feet was done by Father Chuck with a group of pre-chosen parishioners.

The High School Retreat Group were the cross bearers for Good Friday. Good Friday attendance was very good. We had a full church for the service.

Father did the Blessing of the Food on Holy Saturday morning. By doing more advertising for it there were more people participating.

Mike and Ann Heckenkamp were in charge of the New Fire for the Easter Vigil outside and did a great job.

Easter Masses were well attended but we did not need extra space in Grellinger Hall. We did set up chairs in the Gathering Space and those were all used.

Lent and Holy Week are the busiest time for the E Team. They started with going from Ordinary Time to Lent and then set up for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. They did get some Confirmation student volunteers and a few parishioners to help. They have added one new member and Brian is always there to help. Everything will change colors for Pentecost and then back to Ordinary Time by June 12.

Stewardship updates

- The new parishioner brunch was a huge success. Thank you to Mark Wagner and all the volunteers who helped prepare and serve a wonderful meal.
- The Law Enforcement Blessing is 5/20 and 5/21 (I think we will see more officers present this year – see attached)
 - Sgt Mike Rowe from the Village of Pewaukee Police Department will attend the 5pm service
 - Chief Danny Thompson from the City of Waukesha Police Department plans to attend the 8am service
 - Chief Timothy Heier from the Village of Pewaukee Police Department will attend the 10:30am service
 - I have yet to hear from the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department – hopeful someone will attend on their behalf
 - David Clark, Milwaukee County former Sheriff, may attend as well
 - We have St. Michael prayer cards and blue line bracelets to hand out to all
 - Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a reception after all masses (ham sandwiches, baked beans, potato salad, pickles, pretzels w/lemonade/coffee)
- Upcoming Meet n Eat dates and committee assignments
 - 08/19 & 8/20: Stewardship
 - 9/16 & 9/17: Human Concerns
 - 10/28 & 10/29: Prayer and Worship
 - 11/11 & 11/12: Staff
 - 12/9 & 12/10: Christian Women
- Due to a higher attendance at brunch (61% and 76%) vs Saturday evening (35%) we have decided to move forward with only the New Parishioner Brunch – the next one will be 10/22/23 – save the date
- All Souls Mass and Reception – 11/2/23 – those who would like to make a fav dessert in remembrance of their loved one(s) are welcome
- We have decided not to pursue the food trucks or welcome baskets at this time.
- Adopt a Highway dates: 8/5 and 10/21
- Next Bubba's night: 8/8

Fish Fry

- We had a very successful fish fry season – thank you to all the volunteers for their hard work and for all the suggestions
- We had a total of 8 fish fries from September through April for a total profit of about \$13,000 (\$11,000 earned February through April)
- Catholic Financial continues to support the QOA fish fry and gave us a check for \$500
- Fish Fry Dates for Fall: 9/8, 10/13 and 11/3
- We will continue with fish, fries, and potato pancakes and possibly add a children's meal option (chicken fingers).