

## **ST. GREGORY THE GREAT PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**JANUARY 12, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Mike Esser, Barbara Freuck, Patti Penkalski, Margaret Casey, Brian Zydzik, Randy Green, Marge Fischer, Donna Higgins, Michelle Konkel & Tricia Boyle

**Meeting started: 7:00 pm**

**November minutes approved as amended.**

**SIGN UP SHEET FOR Ash Wednesday (2/10/2016) Serving and clean up**

**COMMISSION REPORTS: Patti Penkalski**

- Family to Family has some money left over and will continue to collect throughout the year for those in need and accept donations whenever offered.**

**FORMATION: Michelle Konkel**

- School Masses continue with the children preparing homily helps.**
- January 10<sup>th</sup> was a FAMILY EVENT on Miracles in the Old and New Testament. Jo Therese presenting plans for Mardi Gras on February 7<sup>th</sup>. 12-3:30 Mini-festival for the kids of the parish.**
- Soup & Bread Meal is set to go.**
- Sunday Lighthouse continues to do well.**
- St. Greg's will again partner with St. Matthias in hosting Box City, a night on homeless awareness on May 28-29, 2016. This event will take place at St. Matthias and teens from St. Greg's will again be invited to attend.**
- Mission Trip planning continues and the group is thankful to all who helped bake and sort cookies for our fundraiser, as well as those who purchased plates. We were able to raise over \$1000 for our trip with this fundraiser alone. Sponsor letters continue to be a main source of income. Our next fundraisers will be a bake sale, fundraising evening at Daddy Yo's Frozen Yogurt on May 18<sup>th</sup>.**
- Stock Sales after Masses in April and May.**

- We have one Candidate Lisa Heid, who will be brought into full Communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Two other people, Sally Pagel and Cristina Nazario are finishing the first step of the Inquiry process and will be welcomed at a later date. Additional people have recently come forward inquiring about how they can join the Catholic Church.
- Our next collaborative Bible Study with Our Lady of Lourdes will begin on Ash Wednesday. Theme is the Gospel of Luke as Luke is known for the theme of Mercy in his Gospel. The Bible Study runs for 6 weeks and will run alternate days at both parishes. This worked well with our Fall Bible Study, with parishioners from both parishes joining together.
- 18 Confirmation Candidates will make their retreat on February 19-20 at St. Francis Seminary. Confirmation will be celebrated here on Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 pm in Church.
- We have 2 adult Confirmation candidates who will receive the Sacrament of January 24<sup>th</sup> at the 10:00 am Mass and a second group begins January 13<sup>th</sup> in the evening.

#### **LITURGY & SACRAMENTS: Barbara Freuck**

- Takedown of the Christmas decorations occurred the evening of Sunday January 10<sup>th</sup>. The Christmas trees on the Altar and the Christmas flowers will remain on the altar for the time being.
- There will be a meeting scheduled before the start of Lent so that the committee will decide on the dates for the decorating of the church for Easter.
- The Interfaith Annual Spaghetti Dinner will be on Saturday January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 at St. Matthias Parish hall from 4:00 pm till 7:00 pm. Tickets \$8:00 in advance and \$9.00 at the door. Children 4 & under are free. Contact Barbi Freuck with any questions at (414) 321-7745 or email her at [bafreuck@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bafreuck@sbcglobal.net).

#### **JUSTICE & CHARITY: Jim Samz**

- We served 68 children in the parish for Family to Family Christmas. The parish was so generous to this outreach project that we were able to establish a family to family fund. This fund will allow us to help parishioners with emergency needs throughout the year. These needs should be made known to a parish staff member who will let Father Tom know. There will be limit amounts on the assistance we can provide and this is an outreach program that is specific to our parishioners.

- In Reach/Out Reach will complete their fleece blanket project for Vets Place. This can be done at home (instructions are on the website) or with the group on January 31<sup>st</sup>. See bulletin for more details.
- SVDP recently received a refrigerator for the pantry! This allows them to utilize Feeding America as a source for food. The food pantry has had amazing growth and organization in the last 18 months or so.

**PASTORAL CARE: Tricia Boyle**

- The Archdiocese will use a new bereavement Ministry program. Michelle is learning more about it this month.

**Executive Session held with staff and council members.**

**Closing Prayer: Tricia Boyle**

**Next Meeting February 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

**Meeting concluded at 8:00 pm**