

## **Two Minute Summary Reports from St. Lucy Parish Commissions**

*October 22, 2015*

### **Administration:**

1. Building and Grounds Committee has received a packet of templates to aid in the inspection and development of annual repairs and maintenance.
2. Survey results are compiled and will be published on E-news, the website and church entrances.
3. Commitment Card Sunday is this weekend.

### **Christian Service:**

1. Reviewed and updated the Roster. Lost two members, their time is up in the Commission but will continue working in their Ministries.
  - In order to increase membership we continue to pursue putting together a Chart with schedules per ministry to publish it for all parishioners so they know where to find us and where.
  - Ministry Mingle new Members results: 6 Prayer Shawl, 2 Prolife, 4 Social justice
2. The Christian Service Commission Co-Chair is still Rita. We are still waiting to learn if she will leave or will return.
3. PAR Structure for Christian Service need to review the Pastoral Care Team for “Communion to the Sick and Homebound”. Does it belong to Worship?
4. Publicity Strategy - News from the Social Justice Ministry:
  - Campaign for Human Development – Grant to St. Lucy Parish is under review for discernment.
  - Ministry for Social Justice – Attended Leadership meeting at SJ Diocese, did a brainstorming session with other Parishes representatives to start to unite efforts for social matters of common need or interest.
5. Development Plan for new ministries.
  - Need more members first.
  - There is an initiative for a companionship program for homebound people, regardless if they are Catholic or non-Catholic.

### **Evangelization & Formation:**

1. Retreats
  - Seekers
    1. 40 English, 40 Spanish at the Seekers Retreat
    2. thought there might be more people – but seekers aren’t as committed?
    3. Attendees were people already involved in the parish
    4. Future – surveys for the next retreats (day of)
2. St. Lucy Celebration status
  - Video
  - Plaque outside by the statue of St. Lucy and Info on website
    - a. 283-304

- b. patron saint of blind and eye disorders
    - c. what is she holding?
    - d. Short prayer
  - Feast day celebration
  - At home retreat for domestic church?—if not in time for St. Lucy feast day, then maybe Lent?
    - a. At home packet
    - b. Prayer service/vigil
    - c. Level packets (family, teen/young adult, adult)
3. Year of Mercy—starts Dec 8
- Bring ideas to next meeting 11/19
  - More than going to Confession
  - Ideas
    - Article in the bulletin (“Mercy minute”)—monthly
  - Commission to tackle
    - Even get WYD kids to help write them
      - i. Kids to read comics
      - ii. 7 spiritual & 7 corporal works of mercy
      - iii. handout stuffed in bulletin
      - iv. video? – Sarah & Patty made a promo video
4. Rediscover Jesus -- by Matthew Kelly
- Giving it out during Lent
  - English & Spanish
  - Stuff with reminders or notes for retreats?
5. Speakers?
- Maybe make that a future goal
  - Plan about a year in advance

**Worship:**

1. FY 15-16 Goals:
  - Plan and execute a “training mass” (a mass with a running commentary about the meaning of what is being done and why – Completed June 28-July 19
  - Create and publish a resource listing for the ministries under the Worship Commission umbrella – Three are ready to post on the St. Lucy website.
  - Provide parishioners with suggestions on how they can spend additional time with God during the week (not just one hour per week at Mass) – Just starting work.
2. St. Lucy Day decision
  - The Liturgy Ministry discussed how to enhance the celebration of Saint Lucy's Feast Day. They recommended the below actions:
    1. A video about Saint Lucy will be shown with commentary at all Masses.
    2. The song Open our Eyes will be used at all Masses.
  - These recommendations were reviewed and approved by the Worship Commission

### **Community Life:**

1. Titus Raceles is leaving Commission. Reviewed roster and determined that we need additional members to join. Especially in light of sparse attendance by current members. Each commission member is to identify one potential parishioner to the Commission by January 2016 meeting.
2. Ministry Mingle was held and determined to be successful. Loretta was out of town for this meeting, so full report awaits her return in November.
3. Mardi Gras is to be held Saturday, February 6. All Commission members need to be involved to insure a successful event. Ana is designing a banner to advertise, Victor will prepare a Save the Date to be posted in the bulletin and emails. A planning meeting has been scheduled for December 17 at 6:30 PM. (Kathy reserved the Annex for that meeting)
4. St. Lucy Day celebration. Ernesto will contact Jeff Chan and Sue Grover to plan to provide Swedish style pastries for the Hospitality Sunday. Kathy will talk with Raymond about the possibility of handing out St. Lucy cards and liturgical calendars that weekend.

### **Pastoral Council Summary:**

1. Commission Red Flags
  - Christian Service: Decreasing membership. The team will reach out to members who have not been attending to see if they will commit to continuing membership. They will also reach out to parishioners. Evangelization is having similar membership problems.
  - This generated a discussion regarding the possibility of encouraging members of commissions with many members to consider moving to one of the commissions with fewer members. It was decided to table doing anything about this until after seeing if the Ministry Mingle has generated additional membership.
  - Jim Miller noted that there are 69 people on the PAR roster and there were only 32 attendees at the meeting.
  - There was a decision made about finding budget to purchase a badge machine (\$200-300) in order to enable the parish to create badges 'on-demand' and to phase out the red badges over time. The red badges were only cost effective since they were purchased in bulk, but there is a constant need for new badges, so the new machine will be more cost effective over time.
2. We discussed the actions that will be taken for St. Lucy's Feast Day on December 13:
  - Community Life will coordinate passing out of the yearly St. Lucy calendars and St. Lucy prayer cards at all of the masses that weekend.
  - Community Life will coordinate supplementing the regular Hospitality Sunday fare with Swedish goodies.
  - Evangelization will work on getting a plaque for the St. Lucy statue in the front of the Church (many people believe that the statue is the Blessed Virgin).
  - Worship will coordinate running an informative video at each Mass (probably after the homily) with the transcript read in English or Spanish by the commentator.

3. Neither Fr. Steve nor Fr. Mark will attend the November PAR meeting as they have another engagement.
4. Follow-up on activities related to Laudato Si
5. Budget issues/concerns? No concerns.
6. Updates from each Council on their 2015-16 goals (see PowerPoint).
7. Follow up on the idea of a site map for the Church/School campus?
8. New business?
  - We briefly the calendar. In our November meeting, Raymond will review the Parish Staff Goals so we can pass them on to the Commissions (and ourselves) for next year's goal setting. While each Commission may have some of its own goals, we would like to make sure each Commission has at least one goal that addresses a common theme which the Pastoral Council needs to decide upon (we will work on this in the January meeting).
  - Father Steve advised us about the kick-off of the "Discipleship Groups" in Advent. A pilot program has been going on for several months with one Hispanic group and one English group. The members of those groups will be the leaders for the new groups. All parishioners will be invited to join.