

SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 CHRISTIAN SERVIC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Denise Brady, Patti Kelly, Sandy Rogala & Toni Sheffield

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Tony Carozza, Helen Ickes, Erin Krcatovich, Mary Nakamura

This is the first time we have met in person since March 2020! Meeting opened with prayer led by Denise Brady at 7:08PM

Patti was able to join us going back and forth between us and Grief Share and was a welcome person/resource!

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FUNERAL LUNCH

In Helen's absence, Toni reported that parishioner Bob Modes is now catering our Funeral Luncheons. We have had several with him so far and they have been a great success! Bob knows the kitchen and prepares everything on site. Since we were in the midst of updating our volunteer lists for Funereal Lunch when Helen had her accident, we have been able to call upon some of the people who have helped in the past, and when they aren't available Bob brings along a worker or two and incorporates that into our bill. He keeps every luncheon to \$10/person and we are getting a lot of "bang for our buck" as they say. Hopefully Helen will be back at it by October or sooner.

MOPS

Erin Krcatovich unable to attend but reports that St. Edith/ St. Colette's chapter of MOPS and MOMSNext is looking forward to the beginning of the year together. Leadership is now Erin Krcatovich for MOPS and Erin Lynch for MOMSNext.

Summer Play dates have concluded for the year. The Donut Drive Up was their kickoff event on Sept. 1, attended by 25 moms and over 40 children. They will begin biweekly meetings on Sept. 16 at St. Colette. Anticipate 45+ members for the year and look forward to expanding.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Tony unable to attend but provided the following report:

Our council continues to support St. Christine's soup kitchen and pantry every Monday, Tuesday and Friday when the kitchen is open.

The Knights continue to look for fundraising activities to help support the Parish and the community. Our council will be the host charity for an upcoming Texas Hold'em events scheduled for November 11-13-22.

Donations from the Tootsie Roll Drive will be donated to: Angel's Place, Special Olympics Michigan, Miracle League of Plymouth, the Arc of Northwest Wayne County, and St Francis Camp on the Lake. We had a very successful collection over the Palm Sunday weekend. The donations were collected by 17 Knights.

Several Knights volunteered at the International Order of the Alhambra Day at the Circus. There were about 1800 children. It was a great day.

Several Knights and their spouses helped with the Education Choice Petition Drive on Saturday, April 30, and Sunday May 1.

The Knights held a Post Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast on Sunday 05-15-2022 as well as a Parish Barbecue in conjunction with the Graduation Mass on June 12 after 11:00 Mass and a number of them volunteered to help at the Parish Picnic helping to set up and tear down as well as all throughout the day.

The Knights will help Sandy Rogala with the Baby Bottle Drive coming up in early October.

GOSPEL OF LIFE

With the passing of Richard McGraw, a founding member of our Gospel of Life Group and designer of the book we use at our weekly Rosary, we are putting together an updated prayer book in his honor.

AAA Pregnancy Resource Center Baby Bottle Campaign will be the weekend of October 1-2 when baby bottle banks will be handed out after all the Masses that weekend. Bottles can be returned the weekend of November 5-6.

Right to Life— Lifespan 35th Annual Life Chain will be Sunday Oct 2 at 2pm-3:30pm. In Livonia, Newburgh Road between 6 Mike and Laurel Park.

AAA Pregnancy Resource Center's Annual Banquet is Thursday, Oct. 6 at Burton Manor Banquet Hall from 6-9pm. Star Parker is the guest speaker. Register at www.friendsofaapr.org

Right to Life—Lifespan Annual Banquet and Auction is Tuesday, October 11 at the San Marino Club in Troy, doors open 5:30 pm and dinner at 7:15pm. Steve Ertelt, founder and editor of LifeNews.com is the keynote speaker and Dr. Ray Guarendi is the Emcee. Information call 248-816-1546.

Right to Life—Lifespan CIDER Walk for Life is on Saturday, October 22, from 1-3pm starting at St. Rafsanjani Maronite Church parking lot on Lyndon Street, between Merriman and Farmington Roads. More information at 734-524-0162.

OUTREACH REPORT

We are in the process of changing how we do our Holiday Outreach. Working with Patti Kelly to identify organizations we can partner with to provide Christmas gifts for children, in addition to the children we support for Christmas through Loaves and Fishes. Possibly going to add Hope Clinic to the list of those we help for Christmas; Toni is waiting to hear back from them about what their needs may be.

PARISH NURSE

No report

PARISH COUNCIL

No report since the first meeting hasn't been held yet!

PLEASE NOTE: Due to All Saints Day being the first Tuesday of November, ***we will meet on the first Monday of the month instead for November only. Our next meeting will be on Monday, November 7 at 7:00 in the Christian Service Office.***

Respectfully submitted by Toni Sheffield