

JANUARY 2020 CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

FUNERAL LUNCH:

Luncheons moving along well; sometimes hard to get volunteers if there is less than a couple days to plan but for the most part going well.

Helen will use her "hosting skills" to provide for the Vicariate Meeting lunch on Tuesday, January 14

GOSPEL OF LIFE

Life Christmas Card Sales, approximately \$800.

Right to Life Luminary Candles available in the Gathering Area to recognize the Roe vs Wade 47th Anniversary.

Right to Life Baby Shower March 7-8, 2020. (will again be part of our Lenten Almsgiving)

MOPS

Currently have about 74 Members 25 who are MOMSNext and 45 MOPS and 4 Mentor Moms

Still looking for some more Caregivers for our meetings we are planning on running an ad in church bulletin.

Fr. Jim spoke at our December meeting which was wonderful and uplifting.

Recent MOPS & MOMSnext Meetings:

January - The first meeting of the month will be an exercise meeting where we have some of our members who teach fitness classes run a class during our meeting, the second meeting will be out "No Adulting" where we take a break for ourselves and color or paint our nails or just something fun that we don't normally have time to enjoy

February - The first meeting of the month will be a discussion Marriage: Working on Your Togetherness, the second

meeting will be a discussion on Smart Phones and your Child as well as a speaker on Literacy importance.

Philanthropy : In December we collected items to fill shoeboxes which were then wrapped for the PBJ outreach. In January Susan Swantick a former MOPS member is coming to talk to us about Blessings in a Backpack which we will then be collecting cereal to donate to that group.

On the Horizon: Spring Mom2Mom Sale

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

No report.

OUTREACH

Thanksgiving

-Sort and Pack Day: November 21

-Saturday Loading and Delivery Day: November 23

-30 local families were helped as well as Loaves and Fishes of Southwest Detroit (LFSWD)

-One anonymous parishioner donated all 30 turkeys for the local families.

-Perishables purchased at Busch's Market who donated brown paper grocery bags.

This was one of our largest food donations in recent years from parishioners. Local families were provided with all the food items for a complete holiday dinner plus additional items for their pantries, in total of about 10 brown grocery bags filled with food. Additional food went to LFSWD and was picked up and delivered by parishioner Jim Grad who is our connection to the Detroit charity.

A special thank you for a great job to Chantal and Dave Kalinowski who managed the Christmas gifts on Sort and Pack Day and Anne and John Kanitra who oversaw Loading and Delivery Day.

Christmas

-Sort and Pack Day: December 19

-Saturday Loading and Delivery Day: December 21

-33 local families helped as well as LFSWD with food and Giving Tree gifts.

- Other charities that received Giving Tree gifts were Hope Clinic, First Step, and Franciscan Ministries.
- Parishioners, New Dawn and Trinity Health were generous with food, gifts, and monetary donations.

Giving Tree was organized by Nan Orloff who created and wrote up all the tags. The Giving Tree was put up in the Gathering Space the weekend before Thanksgiving to allow parishioners to take advantage of the pre-Thanksgiving and Black Friday sales. All gifts were returned by parishioners by the date requested on the tags which allowed them to be sorted and packed for the appropriate families.

While our Delivery Day drivers were waiting to be loaded with food and gifts, they were joyfully serenaded by our Caroling elves- Judy Wyzlic, Sandy Rogala, Dennis Rogala, Mike Bellaire, Rita Howell, and Genevieve Pajulio.

PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes from all commissions as well as Parish Council minutes are available to all parishioners on the parish website as well as hard copies on a table in the Gathering Space.

In an effort to make Parish Council members accessible to parishioners, bios and pictures of the members can be found on the parish website and in the church paper. A display of pictures of PC members can be found in the Gathering Space.

John Brady is the new Finance Council representative on Parish Council.

A PC Committee has been formed to work on a parish survey in cooperation with the University of Michigan to find out what parishioners value about the parish, to gauge their interests and expectations here, and to find out what they like that is currently offered so we can build on these strengths.

Average weekly Mass attendance is currently 1,400. Registered household count increased from 1,800 (2010) to 2,700 (2019).

We are ahead of our annual budget for offertory. Our next big project is the organ. New parishioners are contacted via phone or notecard welcoming them to the parish. St Edith School first graders go weekly to Villa Marie to read with them for an hour.

Parish Council did not meet in December. The next meeting will be in January.

A NEW DAWN

New Dawn committee has had their shares of set back in December. One of the committee members has been in the hospital and now in rehab. Put in the Church Bulletin for open membership from December 2019 thru February 2020 for all windows and widowers to see if we can grow membership. Members pay yearly dues which some have done as of this writing. They have planned lunches and their Monthly meeting in January. Will wait to see if membership increases before making any final decisions about how/if to keep the group going.

PARISH NURSE

Parish nurse meetings have been every 3 months with contact between meetings by E-mail. Next meeting will be Jan 22nd and a workshop with Ascension on Jan 29th. New teaching programs will be discussed at the workshop. Will continue monthly newsletters which have different nurses assigned each month to complete. So far they have had volunteers but not everyone has completed their articles. Planning for a health fair at St Edith in April; will be discussed at the January meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 3