

## **May 2022 CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION REPORT**

### **OUTREACH**

Easter Outreach went very well, and our generous parishioners provided food for our local families and Loaves and Fishes of SW Detroit. Sort/Pack Day was April 7 and Loading/Delivery Day was April 9. Outreach volunteers were present for Holy Thursday Adoration in the chapel.

Almsgiving: Each week during Lent our parish focused on a different charity and an abundant amount of food and goods was donated by parishioners. The charities were Lighthouse, Right to Life, Wave Project, Seedlings, Vista Maria, and Loaves and Fishes.

### **PARISH COUNCIL**

- Reviewed and revised the Parish Goals and Objectives.
- Brainstormed ideas to bring parishioners back to Mass.
- Deacon Don will be overseeing a new social group after Easter aimed at those 50 years and older.
- A successful Ukraine relief collection was held in March.
- CYO's Fish Fry with carryout only was very successful.

### **GOSPEL OF LIFE**

The weekend of May 7-8, 2022 we will have fresh carnations available after all the Masses for Mother's Day. Donations will benefit Right to Life—Lifespan.

The weekend of June 18-19, 2022 we will have candy bars available after all the Masses for Father's Day. Donations will benefit Right to Life—Lifespan.

### **FUNERAL LUNCH**

Now using *Park Place Catering* (3 times to date); appears everyone seems to like it. So much easier for Helen and the volunteers.

Had one with just serving cookies/cake with punch/coffee/tea. Went well.

Of the three regular luncheons -largest so far was 39 people in attendance.

Would like to get a sign to post outside the doors to guide the guests where to find us and welcome them.

Question: Is anyone else noticing how weak the coffee enclosed in the filter has become since Covid? Helen ends up taking the coffee grounds out and placing in a regular coffee filter to brew; seems to work much better then.

### **MOPS/MOMS NEXT**

Currently have about 60 Members registered for this semester. 29 who are MOMSNext, and 31 MOPS. Also have 2 mentor moms.

Group has grown by 5 new members this semester, and continue to receive more inquiries about our group!

Have resumed in-person meetings at St. Colette this year on Friday mornings, twice a month. We have also added an evening table that will meet at a members house. Our evening table has been a great success, and has made it possible for working moms to be a part of our group.

Our Care Team is starting a Grief Group for members that have lost loved ones. This group had their first meeting in March in the Fireside Room, and is discussing future plans to meet again.

Masks are no longer required, but are highly recommended for our meetings, per the guidelines set by St. Colette.

We met in early March to discuss our plans for the 2022/2023 year. We decided to not do a Fall Mom-to-Mom sale, and instead do a Trivia Night fundraiser. We decided to make this change, due to the hectic schedules of our members and their families during the Fall.

### **Upcoming MOPS & MOMSnext Meetings:**

**May:** For our first meeting this month, we will be discussing "A Full Cup", including how to address isolation, especially in motherhood. For our second meeting this month, we will be doing our AAA Baby Shower, where we bring in our donations for the AAA Pregnancy Center. We are adding to the excitement of this meeting by doing a competition between tables for the best baby shower theme/decorations!

**Philanthropy:** Collecting for Early Pregnancy Loss Association, AAA Baby Shower in May

**On the Horizon:** Summer Playdates, Planning for Next Year!

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

The Knights continue to look for fund raising activities to help support the Parish and the community. Our council will be the host charity for two upcoming Texas Holdem events scheduled for July 7-10-22 and November 10-13-22.

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 will hold a *Post Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast* on Sunday 05-15-2022.

The Knights will Hold a Parish Barbecue in conjunction with the Graduation Mass on June 12 after the 11:00 Mass.

Respectfully submitted by Toni Sheffield