

## **Pastoral Council Meeting May 2, 2013**

Meeting began with Scripture Readings for Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> and Reflections followed.

Attendance: Fr. Edmund, Deacon Shaw, Willie Garcia, Jesus Salazar, Betina Chavez, Arthur Moreno, Tina Robledo, Erica Ayala, Marilyn Saccomanno; Not present: Jimmy Salinas, Chris Thompson, Becky Shawver, and Steve Melaragno. Three guests: Augie Mendoza, Carmen Olguin, and Johanna Blanchard.

Marilyn asked each Council member to introduce themselves to the three guests and then began the discernment process. Johanna was discerned on the Council to fill Earl Landry's seat and Augie and Carmen were asked to be alternates. They will be coming to the council meetings but not as a voting member.

Tina reported that the finance board has finalized the 2013-14 budget. The biggest change will be implementing the Life Teen program. Another area of concern is the air conditioner in the hall. It doesn't look like it will make it through the summer months. She also gave the new members a working copy of the goals for the various committees.

Deacon Shaw reported that the Liturgy committee will meet Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss the upcoming liturgies and should we change the mass setting. Father thought we should wait because the assembly seems to be singing them now and he would like to give them some more time to really feel comfortable with this setting.

Marilyn gave a faith formation report. **RCIA** concluded with a retreat on April 17<sup>th</sup> with 230 attending. Spanish/English **Baptism classes** instructed 7 couples. There will be 38 young people celebrating **First Communion** on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. **Youth Confirmation** preparation sessions concluded on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Eight young people from here will be confirmed at St. Jerome's on May 10, 2013. They will also attend a Mini-retreat on May 4<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 7. Father is working on **marriage preparation** with 8 couples. A group convalidation will be celebrated.

**Children's faith formation** sessions ended on May 1<sup>st</sup> with Mass and a carnival. The youth sessions will conclude with a Pajama party on May 5<sup>th</sup>. The Summer religion program: SonWest Roundup will be July 8<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> for PK to 4<sup>th</sup> graders and Youth Fest Roundup will be on July 12<sup>th</sup> for 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>. Erica is taking 12 students to Steubenville in June and a group to AYC in July. Core Group for Life Teen will be meeting on Sunday evening, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 in the rectory with a Pot Luck Dinner. 12 adults completed the course on Catholicism and will begin in September with Walk to Eternity II DVD series. Patricians had 8 attend with the Topic: Church-a Sacrament. It will also start back in September along with the Spanish Bible Study. Christ Renews His Parish Retreat (Spanish) will be held May 25 /26. Staff Attended a retreat in Dickinson on April 24<sup>th</sup> –“Serving with Gratitude”. We are working on hosting FTCM in Spanish here at St. Mary's. On line courses will be available in the fall.

Father Edmund reported that beginning in August we will have a Mass schedule change for Sunday: English Mass will be a 9 a.m. Spanish Mass will be at 11 a.m. and there will be a 5 p.m. The change will help with Life Teen. He also wants to change the 6:30 p.m. Mass to 8:30 a.m. This is still open to discussion.

**There will not be any council meetings in June or July.**

**Next meeting date: August 1, 2013 7 p.m. in Heaven's Way Hall**