

Saint Anne/Saint Charles Parish Council

August 26, 2015

Opening Prayer: The opening prayer was given by Kathy Olson.

Roll Call: Roll call was done, see the attached sheet.

Commission Reports:

School Report: no report

Religious Education- DRE: This report was given by Gina Baker.

The Vacation Bible School was held at Saint Charles in June. We had almost 40 children attending.

The Religious Education office moved to the upstairs of the former rectory, while using the upstairs of the former offices for storage for the next few months.

Although I could not attend the Big Event, I teamed with Barb Graham to prepare the games and prizes, while she manned the table that day.

Catechetical Sunday will celebrate our religion teachers at Saint Charles on September 20, at 10:30 Mass and Saint Anne on September 27 at 10 am Mass.

Preparations are underway for Religious Education at both parishes. Enrollment forms are still being received. Classes begin the week of September 28/29.

On October 3, Saint Anne will be the host site for a Catechist Formation Day, sponsored by the Vicariate Evangelization Committee and the Monroe County Directors of Religious Education. The two sessions, with a choice of topics during each time period are free of charge to all Monroe Vicariate parish members.

On October 11, Bishop Reiss will be celebrating Mass at the IHM Chapel at 2 PM. This Mass is hosted by the Monroe County Directors of Religious Education and all are welcome. The Mass is geared towards all children and their families.

Christian Services: Saint Anne report was given by Carol Shaw. She talked about the rummage sale at Saint Anne and how well it went.

Christian Services: Saint Charles report was given by Sue Miller.

She reported on the Blood Drive, stating that Saint Charles will be hosting a blood drive on Monday, October 12th between 12:30 and 6:30 in the gym.

Prayer Blankets: A total of 302 Prayer Blankets have been given out. We have been blessed to have our parishioners donating their time and talent in making these blankets.

In the Spirit of Giving: Some of the items that are not purchased through the Saint Charles Garage Sale during the Festival will be given to the In the Spirit of Giving. If there is anyone that has a truck that could help Monday morning with loading up some of the items and taking them to 610 West Elm Ave, the former Saint Mary Academy in the back area – the gymnasium, please let me know.

Respect Life: On Saturday, September 12th is National Day of Remembrance and Prayers for aborted babies. Time is 1 to 2 pm at the Assumption Grotto Cemetery; 13770 Gratiot Ave, Detroit, parking is behind the church. If you can't make it please say a prayer during that time for those babies that were aborted.

Life Chain is on Sunday, October 4th from 2-4 pm; the Life Chain begins in front of Foodtown on Telegraph Rd. down to Nortel Lane. This is a silent, prayerful gathering of Christians from local churches in Monroe County to offer up prayers to end abortion. If you have not attended one please consider doing so. I love seeing our youth stand up for those that cannot defend themselves. I call them our Prayer Warriors.

Evangelization: Deacon Mike Stuart will be spearheading Ecumenical Come Together for a Day in January.

Worship: Father Joseph Plawecki will be doing Masses for Saturday and Sunday.

Finance Saint Anne: no report

Finance Saint Charles: no report

Vicariate: Nick came in late but gave report that the Vicariate took a break for the summer. They are currently looking for a Chair and Vice President. There will also be a request to fund the budget coming to the parishes.

Building Committee Meeting: Bob Austin discussed that we are finding a permanent solution for the water damage in church. The repairer came up with a system to prevent the water from freezing in the downspouts. Payment was a 60/40 split with the Archdiocese insurance company with St. Charles paying 60%.

The new school building is to have a project manager as asked for by the Archdioceses. There will be bidding on the project. We will need 3 bids and donated labor and/or materials are to be documented and included in the bids.

Approval of Minutes: Approved with revisions

Business:

Saint Anne's new roof has been approved; they received 6 bids and are going with a local person.

There was a request presented to council for permission for SMCC to have a bonfire on the field for Homecoming. This will be held on September 25. They will have appropriate chaperons and the fire department available. This was approved by council.

Parish Goals: This was presented to council by Bob Austin and reviewed. The council will continue to work on the goals.

Father John mentioned that there will be a staff meeting at Saint Charles; Jason Flint will do a workshop on using the calendar for all those involved in working with the schedule. Deacon Mike mentioned that the only thing on the Saint Charles Website is the school calendar.

It was stated that we are already looking at the Festival for next year. There will be a discussion with the staff members.

Deacon Mike suggested signs or a way of directing people to various buildings in the parish. Especially for those who do not know the parish, and need to attend a function.

Next meeting will be at Saint Charles on Wednesday September 23 at 6:30 pm.

Jan Saez will do the next opening prayer.

Meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Father John at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Marianne Donnan