

St. Maria Goretti Pastoral Council
October 18, 2016

Present: Fr. Tafadzwa, Tim Endres, Kathy Grzybowski, Jeff Peterson, Patricia Frazak, Mary Jean Patterson, Julie Rae, Rocky Welsing, Frank Peregrine, Peter Worman, Tom Gulley, Tom Tierney, Joe Rausch

- Opening Prayer – Patricia Frazak
- Approve September minutes – tabled to next meeting
- Administration & Finance
 - No significant changes from last month
 - Tabernacle & speakers are back and will be installed on Monday. We hope we hear English and not Norwegian 😊
- Vision of Hope
 - Fr. T. updated the group on Fr. Mike's health. After battling a bacterial infection, he is now in rehab recovering. We will keep him in our prayers
 - The staff at SMG been amazing during Fr. Mike's absence.
 - Last Saturday Fr. Carlos was in the area on his relic tour. He stopped by and gifted Fr. Mike with a stone from St. Maria Goretti's house. St. Maria Goretti is the only parish in the world having this. According to Fr. Carlos, the hospitality & generosity at SMG is "the best". Maria Goretti's relics will not be returning to the states. Fr. Carlos hopes to return in 2018 and would like a stop at SMG.
- Evangelization / Catechesis – Joe Rausch
 - The Beloved Retreat is coming up the weekend of 11/11-13. Preparation is underway for the retreat. 24 of 30 spots are reserved. The Retreat Team is meeting weekly.
 - Joe hopes that this grows into an ongoing event and that this month's retreat is not a one-time event
- Book Discussion
 - Chapter 9: Breaking Silence. How do we have an ongoing life-long conversion? Are we always doing *something* to develop our faith?
 - Organized sustained intercessory prayer. Could tie that to our parish mission? Pray as a parish during Mass?
 - It was stated that parish events are even better when the people can connect and make meaningful relationships.
 - Fr. T. shared the concept of small parish communities, and thought the diocese seems open to this.
 - One idea was to combine service project with some time reserved to socialize, to build those relationships. Fr. T. summed it up this way: "don't give food without also giving faith"
- Commission Reports
 - Worship & Prayer – no report
 - Social Justice & Outreach – Frank:
 - Talked with Bob Bruni who pointed out the St. Vincent de Paul programs we are monitoring. They could use volunteers for Luke House. Good idea for us to keep in touch with our chapter of VdP to find how we can help.
 - Patty Bruni was re-elected a chapter president

- Some current programs include the Giving Tree, Military Service, Senior Lunches, pro-life activities and pastoral care
 - Coming up:
 - There will be a bake sale this weekend
 - Blanket / craft bee 11/19 in parish hall. This includes adults and children. Blanket sponsorship are another way of giving.
- Stewardship & Development – Jeff
 - Fall pledge coming up. Reviewed plans. Pulpit announcements 10/29-30. Wrap up 11/12-13. Can fill out forms on-line.
- Education & Faith Formation – Tom
 - Tonight's focus – Advent Stations 12/3-8
- Parish Life – Mary Jean
 - Recent events
 - The Golf Outing turned out really nice. Beautiful day. Same number of attendees as last year, but last year was rained out.
 - Upcoming events
 - Taste of Goretta – only 10 people signed up, mostly sweet desserts
 - Takes place this Sunday
 - Bazaar: 11/13, one day only 8:00 – 1:00
 - This is the first year that there is not a Christmas Party planned.
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 - January 8th: Pancake breakfast
 - January: Movie night
 - 2/25 – Trivia night
 - Fish fries for Lent
- Vocations – Fr. T
 - Altar servers appreciation day, discuss vocations with them
 - Eucharistic adoration for vocations – maybe one a month. What would be a good time to have this?
 - Working on a collaboration with the Knights of Columbus to promote vocations
- Parochial Vicar – Fr. T: Thanks for all you do for us
 - When asked what additional work the Pastoral Council can do, he responded “Pray”.
- Closing Prayer: Fr. T
- Fr. T will update Fr. Mike tomorrow on tonight's Pastoral Council meeting

Submitted by Mary Jean Patterson