

**Ascension of Our Lord
Pastoral Council Meeting
January 18, 2011**

Present: Father Bill, Michael Klamut, M.D. Suzanne Burgess, Dan Flanagan, Susan Lugo, Pauline Mitchell, Gene Niewoehner, Maryann Neffke, Mary Thon

Absent: Mitch Formato, Christopher Leone, Deacon Peter Rooney

Call to Order, Opening Prayer, Review of Minutes

Commission Reports

Christian Service:

- “Made it through the holidays financially as the monetary contributions came through from our Parish once the need was made known.” The gifting program and the cases requesting assistance received substantive goods and services to move them through the holidays.
- January meeting was cancelled due to weather conditions. A guest speaker, Rose Mancinelli of Elmhurst, will speak at the February 1st meeting to talk about a new program to provide free supplemental insurance for some of the costs not covered by Medicare, Medicaid, or a person’s regular insurance including medications, dental and vision coverage. The program is entirely corporate funded by nationwide agreements between the Community Assistance Program and contractual agreements with Pharmaceutical companies, pharmacy chains, medical provider groups.
- Three individuals have expressed interest in learning about SVDP and possibly becoming members of the conference.
- A new training guide is being prepared to streamline the processing of calls and providing the appropriate service in order to help members work as case screeners and home visitors.
- The conference is looking at a more efficient blending of clients and services with those of other human service agencies in the area. The Diocesan SVDP Council and our local cluster of parishes are working to reestablish Christ the King’s Conference to full service provision. Currently we are working with the St. Vincent de Paul Conferences of St. Alexander in Villa Park, Sacred Heart and St. Pius in Lombard, Elmhurst, Downers Grove and Westmont.
- DuPage PADS, Salvation Army, People’s Resource Center, LOVE Christian Services, Catholic Charities, York Township Human Services, and several walk-in Ministries have continued to partner effectively with cases in need – especially families.

PADS

- Numbers seeking overnight stays have swelled dramatically with the cold weather and continued high unemployment.
- People were turned away at some sites due to overcrowding and more family placements.
- Our Parish PADS program needs a volunteer couple to man the program for the 2:00AM to 5:00 AM period to prepare lunches to go and cover the time block. They would also like to invite all of us to come and see how PADS operates at a site and to consider helping out in the program next year.
- Will coordinate SVDP bulletin notices to include volunteer and clothing item requests for the PADS program each month.

Worship

Commission is operating at full strength – all ministries are represented.

Education

- The Christmas Party went well – very good reports and feedback.
- Protecting God's Children Sessions: Cindy Bane presented Monday night classes already and Grades 1-5 will be done on Wednesday, January 19th.
- There will be a Parent's Confirmation Meeting in which parents will be turning in paperwork for Confirmation – January 25th. The First Holy Communion parents will be viewing the movie, "The Miracle of Marcellino." Progress reports will also be due this week of January 24th. Also prayers tests with the children will be started this week.
- Next Education Commission meeting will be held Tuesday, January 25th.

Administration

No meeting, will meet on Friday.

Com Ed wiped out programming for heat, fire alarm, doorbell etc – had to reprogram.

CCW

\$2,000 was raised and given to Catholic Charities from the Outreach and Luminaries. A pancake breakfast is planned to have events out there for people to volunteer. Planning to have flowers available for purchase to be placed in the Church and rotated each week.

Pastor's Commentary

Several sections of the roof need repairs – some need to be addressed immediately.

Father had an estimate of \$175,000 to \$225,000 for the work to be done.

A new phone system has been installed – can call a line directly.

Father asked that a list of events be given to Roger to put in the newsletter.

IRS letter will be mailed to all who gave.

Diocesan assessments have gone up – not as many deductions as in the past (schools, repairs).

Sebastian will be ordained as a Deacon on August 6th at St. Isaacs.

Old Business

Discussion on how to get people involved in ministries as we need more ministers.

Continuing to pursue door to block off school, and the installation of motion sensors.

New Business

Suggestion to have the Deacons placed on the ministry schedule.

Next meeting, March 15, 2011. Mary Anne will bring the prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lugo