

Pastoral Council --- March 7, 2018

Present: Mila Maskell, Earl Freepons, Jessica Falken, Marge Mey, William Good, Asha Petoskey, Christina Reilly, Marsha Weber

Fr Don

Pia de Leon

Opening prayer --- Fr. Don

Minutes approved as corrected

Pastor's Report

Echo Program Interns from University of Notre Dame will be living in the parish house beginning August 2018. All are working toward their master's degree in theology. St. Clare will utilize the expertise of one of the interns. Two of them will be assigned to other parishes.

Until August the house will be used (if needed) for temporary housing of refugee families.

School science room remodel is proceeding and the goal is to begin in 2019. Fund raising plans are beginning.

The Matthew Kelly CD on the seven pillars of Catholic Spirituality will be given out after Easter masses. Fr. Don will address one pillar in each of his homilies during the following weeks.

St. Anthony parish in Tigard is in need of volunteers for their soup supper every 9th week. St. Clare 3rd grade school parents and children have been filling the need but more help is needed. They also need additional volunteers for their cold weather shelter. This will be investigated in the fall.

June 9 there will be a mass dedicated to healing.

Commission Reports

Education

School faculty will host wine and cheese after the Sat. evening mass March 10.

First Eucharist classes have begun.

Confirmation sessions are winding down

Planning for the Easter egg hunt has begun

Registration is complete for preschool ... there is a long waiting list.

Two people have stepped up to help with pastoral education: Jerry Roussell – grief support (training parishioners to help with those who are grieving ...).

Mike Higgins --- 3 possible topics ---- Ignatian Spirituality, Praying with Scriptures, Islam for Catholics.

Liturgy --- will be meeting Sunday to plan for the Triduum.

Outreach

Marge and Luke are arranging the training for the refugee ministry to be held 3/13.

Ministry leaders meeting will be held April 24, 6:30 pm to discuss the components of welcoming newcomers . For now, Asha will contact them. Once a year a reception will be held for all newcomers.

During the ministry fair there will be WAY TO LEARN WHAT MINISTRY IS presentation.

Catholic Relief Services is asking representatives of St. Clare and other nearby parishes to become parish ambassadors for their global solidarity initiatives. Pia will have more information on this next meeting. She will email information to each member so that members can be informed before meeting.

Deacon Bill and John K. are making plans for Divine mercy Sunday.

Discussions have begun about the Pentecost Fair.

OLD BUSINESS:

Parish Directory will use a smaller format than in years past. It will be updated periodically in hard copy and online. Photographs will be taken in April, May and June
Next meeting will be Wed, April 11, 6:30.