

## PARISH COUNCIL PASTORAL COUNCIL PLANNING SESSION 2015

*Saturday, August 1, 2015*

*Missing - Deacon Bill, Anne Coglianese, John McNarney*

Meeting began at 9:15 AM at the Parish Center with Morning Prayer in the Chapel.

Verified phone and emails for Parish committees and council members. Fr. Tom will send out revised list with changes.

Calendar of the 2015 – 2016 meetings dates; there may need to tweak depending on the ND basketball schedules.

Epiphany Mass & Brunch January 3, 2016, Seder Meal on March 16, 2016, Solemnity of the Sacred Heart June, 2016, Parish Mass & Picnic August 14, 2016.

ND Football Raffle ticket sales: volunteers can sign up at Parish picnic.

***Rice Bowl Lent 2016.*** Rice Bowls will be distributed through Religious Education Program and the Children's Choir. A few will be available in the back of church for SHP families who have children in Catholic schools. Perhaps on Palm Sunday children could ring up their Rice Bowl Lenten collection box?

***Paul Thornton will head up a group to develop standard operating procedures for each SHP social event*** ( e.g., Parish Picnic, Seder Meal, Epiphany Breakfats, Sacred Heart Feastday Mass & Potluck). Procedures written down makes it easier to transition activities to new people. A good amount of documentation is available, just make others aware of existing information. Diane and Paul offered to help gather everything together.

***Why Catholic*** – Michelle. Parish faith sharing groups will ***begin the week of October 11 and end the week before Thanksgiving***. SHP has a Why Catholic Planning Group working on preparations. Need to reach out to people that attend Basilica. Family activity flyers will be incorporated, insert in bulletin, during weeks of ***Why Catholic***. Perhaps a second mailing to parishioners of ***Why Catholic*** announcement/brochure will be sent with the Bishop's Appeal parish mailing in September. Look into videos to be linked from the SHP web site.

Tuesday, ***December , 2015***, a possible date for a ***Why Catholic pot-luck supper*** and presentation on Indiana Bishops Letter on Poverty in Indiana. We have a need to raise consciousness on local social justice issues relating to poverty in our community.

***Indiana Bishops Letter on Poverty*** - available on Parish web site. There was discussion about suggested ways to have parishioners simplify life-style by donating clothes and furniture no longer used to the St. Vincent de Paul store.

Social Justice Ministry is also reaching out to get people involved to spread message. Working on a plan to present to the Pastoral Council, possibly at the October Council meeting.

St. Vincent's has number of programs available (food boxes, family budgeting etc.), that we could work with instead of duplicating efforts. Look at the local resources available to make best use of limited time. ***Pat Cahill will inquire about having someone from St. Vincent de Paul come and speak about their resources and programs to the Council at the August 24 meeting.***

World meeting of families - Philadelphia, Pope Francis will attend. Michelle has materials on how to pray as a family. Inserts in the Parish bulletin and on the Parish website to strengthen families, since ***each family is a "domestic church"***.

***Overall coordinator/point of contact for each Parish Social Event is needed.*** This person is someone that can call ahead of time and work with Parish Center staff to go through a check list for events. Help to make it clear what volunteer and parish responsibilities and obligations are. Set reasonable expectations for center staff time. Potluck dinners, Parish Picnic, Seder Meal, Epiphany, Sacred Heart Feast day, *Why Catholic* Potluck, Simple Soup Lunch on Ash Wednesday.. This will also apply to any events that require setup and teardown of the Parish Center facility.

Work on the new concrete stairs for the front entrance (lakeside) of the Parish Center has begun. Completion should be by August 7.

In light of the encyclical ***Laudato Si***, Pastoral Council needs to discuss "recycling" on Parish groups and perhaps offer suggestions to SH parishioners of what can be done in the home. Diane Walling will prepare a bulletin insert on "recycling". Paul Eddy can help us know what we are doing already and what we could possibly do.

Meeting concluded at 11:40 AM

Jack O'Brien