

REPORT – PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2011

Attendance: Fr. Ed Koharchik, Geoff Unger, Jean Tixier, Marcello Rodriguez, Dot DeWitte  
Glenn Rosilier (Finance Council representative)

**Prayer:** Offered by Marcello Rodriguez, centered on survivors of recent Japan earthquake

**Positions on Pastoral Council Update:**

Geoff Unger – Chairman  
Dot DeWitte – Recorder  
Maria Sharp – on leave; her position needs to be filled

**State of the Parish Homily:**

- Homily was, by all reports, well received.
- Many respondents expressed surprise by size of debt.
- Majority wish to see debt paid off or reduced substantially before considering new projects.
- Capitol Campaign/Master Plan on hold for now.
- Copies of homily & slide show will be available on parish website; hard copies in church for parishioners to pick up.
- Increased Offertory collection – CAVAN Corporation: meet with Bob Valilee in Diocesan Stewardship Office
- What can we do better as community of faith, to encourage deeper involvement & sense of belonging?
- Leaders of ministries/programs to speak at Masses, perhaps recruit new participants

**Financial Presentation (State of the Parish follow-up):**

- Glenn Rosilier will make presentation at all Masses early in May outlining expenditures & area that need to be addressed by end of current fiscal year.
- Concern about low percentage of families utilizing envelopes.
- Parish has grown from its early days as mission; more demands on facilities – need to build infrastructure accordingly.

**Fund-raising Committee:**

- Fr. Ed to meet with parishioners who have expressed particular interest in fund-raising:
- Jason & Stephanie Vidrine, Donna & Dave Inman, Jackie & Denny Givens, Victoria & John Gimino
- Discussion around various possibilities:
  - Parish T-shirts &/or mugs (Efundraising.com) – parish keeps 85% of amount raised
  - Logo magnets (Logomagnet.com)
  - Car/truck raffle
  - Cow-patty bingo
  - Garage sale
  - Parish picnic – fun get-together
- Schedule an event for each liturgical season, announce well in advance
- Other parishes may share ideas on fund-raising
- Fr. Ed will send welcoming letter to new parish members, offer to bless their home

**Blessing of Pastoral and Finance Councils:**

Will take place at 11 AM Mass on March 27.

**Triduum:**

- Planning session Saturday April 2, 9 – 11:30 AM in Education Center.
- Holy Week schedule:
  - Holy Thursday – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8 PM.
  - Good Friday – Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 1 PM.
  - Easter Vigil – proposed changes from last year's celebration:
    - Begin with lighting new fire in fire pit behind parish hall; Liturgy of the Word and Baptism/Confirmation will take place in parish hall; candlelight procession up Post Oak Rd. to church for the celebration of the Eucharist.
    - In case of rain, entire liturgy will take place in church.
  - Easter Sunday: 8:15 & 11 AM Masses only; no 5 PM Mass.

**Rectory Open House:**

Sunday April 10, 12:30 – 2:30 PM.

Refreshments courtesy of the Women's Ministry.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:**

Good response to Deacon Dan's presentation: 40-50 people indicated interest.

Meeting to be held Wednesday March 30 to explain organization & responsibilities of SVdPS.

**Parish Reconciliation Service:**

Will take place Tuesday March 29 at 7:30 PM. Several priests have agreed to be on hand to hear confessions.

**Other:**

Sr. Yvonne's farewell reception to be held Sunday May 22 afternoon in parish hall.

**Next Meeting:**

Wednesday April 27 at 7 PM in rectory. Members of Fund-Raising Committee will join us.

**Closing Prayer:**

Offered by Jean Tixier. Meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dot DeWitte