

Family Life Commission April 25, 2006 59 Cheryl Circle

Present: Christine Schmidt, Pat Crosby, Cheryl Symancyk, Francesca Forrest, Mike Hurst

The Bereavement Ministry course went smoothly. All six who signed up attended. They can now offer the ministry here in our parish. Pat, Mike and Cheryl agreed, however, that they would like to attend a session run by a more experienced team before offering the program here at St. Francis. Mike also expressed some interest in viewing some training videos that were mentioned at the course. The bereavement ministry is designed to run as a series for ten consecutive weeks. Jean Czajka, who helped with the training program for the diocese, recommended ministry teams of two for each series. Pat Crosby will speak to Jean about setting up a viewing of another parish' ministry session in action, inquire about videos and share information with the other five bereavement ministry members. Choosing a chairperson for the ministry was recommended. Pat expressed some interest in this position.

The Pastoral Council election process has begun for the Family Life Commission Co-Chair position, which Christine Schmidt will step out of after June 2006. Pat Crosby shared that she is interested in the position and that she nominated herself this past weekend. Christine Schmidt will continue to be an active member of Family Life Commission, particularly with regard to Youth Ministry and Crop Walk.

Youth Ministry will have its' next meeting on April 28, 2006. They will begin to plan and offer events to the parish. Some specific ideas are a Pizza & Planning Party in May, the games for the Parish Picnic in June, a movie night in July and helping with the August Tag Sale. Mike Hurst suggested a joint event with CYO to show the movie Pistol some evening during the summer.

Todd Bergstrom will be the new head of our CYO program. He will contact us regarding their ideas for a summer event such as the above-mentioned movie and/or some type of clinic?

Francesca Forrest has begun some very preliminary work for our Crop Walk in October 2006. She is looking to schedule a meeting with Reverend Todd Farnsworth of the Congregational Church to get his recommendations on at least one more organizer from their church for this event. The primary organizers at this point are Harry Covert of the Congregational Church and Francesca Forrest and Christine Schmidt of St. Francis.

The annual Parish Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, June 11th. Christine Schmidt met with Rob Letendre of Hospitality Commission to begin discussing plans. A planning meeting for all interested parishioners is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16th at 7:00pm. Christine Schmidt and Pat Crosby will make announcements at all masses the weekend of May 5th and 6th to encourage folks to attend this meeting. Christine Schmidt will place announcements in the bulletin for the next couple of weeks about this meeting. Christine Schmidt will speak to Father about a lectors' announcement reminder for the weekend of

May 13th and 14th. Christine Schmidt left a message with Cliff Reid about having the brass quintet again. Last years' DJ, Scott Dubey, has said he is willing to DJ again this year, however he and his wife are expecting their second child around this same time, so we'll see how Scott's schedule works out. The picnic would be okay without a DJ. Youth Ministry will go about planning some games. Christine Schmidt will reserve a bounce house and tent. Family Life members volunteered for some specific jobs for the actual event. Christine Schmidt made note of those on appropriate sign-up sheets. Mike Hurst mentioned that there were too many chefs last year and that we could recruit fewer, perhaps having folks help out in some other areas instead.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16th, 2006, 9:00am, 59 Cheryl Circle. Our last meeting of this year will be Tuesday, June 20th. This meeting will include our newly elected co-chair and any other folks who have agreed to join Family Life Commission.