

PARISH MINISTRY PETALS MEETING
November 3, 2011

Donna Dominguez, Communications Director, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Fr. Brandon Ware began the meeting with prayer and then we all recited the St. Anne's Ministry Petals Prayer together.

Affirmations:

- a. Joy Hickcox affirmed those in charge of the Parish Taco Dinner - it was super!
- b. Amanda Elrod affirmed Tom Driscoll for his wonderful presentation about the changes to the Mass at one of the recent Masses.
- c. Sr. Rosalie affirmed Fr. Brandon for the great Retreat Master (Brother Robert) for the Ministry Team Retreat that was held Oct. 26-28.
- d. Tony Moreno affirmed Jack Karver for the great San Francisco Churches Tour! Tony recommends this to everyone!
- e. Fr. Brandon affirmed Tony Moreno and Benjamin Huerta for bringing the Life Teen and the Amigos de Jesus groups together. He said that they are making great strides in bringing the community together.

Fr. Brandon spoke about the Ministry Team's recent retreat and how Brother Robert said that the St. Anne's Ministry Team has a "Franciscan Spirit".

Fr. Brandon introduced Mr. Mike Joyce, our new Director of Music Ministry. Mike said "it's wonderful to be here", and he is really looking forward to working in the Parish and he is excited to be a part of us. Mike will be part of the Liturgy Petal.

Donna reminded everyone that if you have not received your new packet, please see Olivia Heier tonight before you leave to pick one up. She went over Mike Joyce and Amanda Elrod's information that is on tonight's sheets. It was announced that Deborah McCaskill is the new Pastoral Care representative. Donna told everyone to please let her know if you are not receiving her e-mails. She went over the 2012 Meeting Schedule and the refreshments list.

Donna spoke about announcements for the bulletin. The holidays are fast approaching - please be aware of the changes in the submission dates! She stated that e-mail is the best way to send your announcements to her. She will be e-mailing the holiday schedule to everyone.

Donna reminded everyone that tonight's meeting minutes are due by Monday, November 7.

Pastor's Report: Fr. Brandon Ware

The alarm system is now functioning. The system will have set times to arm (11:30pm) and disarm (5:30am). The video cameras in the Church are up and running. The Dominican Hall renovation is done. We are waiting on the final inspection. Mr. Taricco is looking for someone to come in to cook the school lunches. Fr. Brandon thanked the Mexican-American Catholic Federation who was a big contributor of this renovation. Fr. Brandon said that he presented them with a gift on the day of the Blessings of the School Buildings. The Chapel renovation has begun. There are a few pictures on the website. The plan is to have the job completed in December, and hopefully, no later than January 1. Fr. Brandon told everyone that John Sprake, who was our Facilities Director, is no longer employed here. He asked us to keep John in our prayers as he pursues new endeavors.

Announcements/Approved Handouts: Donna Dominguez

These are the approved handouts for tonight's meeting.

- a. There will be a "**Community**" Bilingual Mass every third Sunday of every month at 6pm beginning on Sunday November 20th. This will be presented by the Life Teen, Amigos de Jesus and the YaManne groups. Everyone is invited to attend.
- b. Lodi Memorial Hospital will have John Watson, a Clinical Psychologist, speaking on key strategies for surviving grief during the holidays on Thursday, November 10 at 7pm at Lodi Memorial Hospital. This is sponsored by Lodi's Parish Nurses and Lodi Memorial Hospital.
- c. The Mexican-American Catholic Federation will have a Tamale Fundraiser. Put your order in now and the tamales will be available for pick up on Saturday, November 19 from 5-8pm in St. Anne's Hall. They are hoping to sell 200 dozen! You can choose from pork or chicken tamales; or 6 pork, 6 chicken. Please see any Federation member to place your order.
- d. The Daughters of Isabella will have their annual Christmas Dinner "A Nutcracker Christmas" on Saturday, Dec. 10 in St. Anne's Hall. There will be a Christmas raffle, silent auction and door prizes. For reservations and tickets call Cami Ferry or Ann Love no later than December 7. Kindly bring a new unwrapped toy for their "Gifts for God's Children" tree.
- e. St. Anne's School will have a "Pizza Night" Fundraiser at Rick's Pizza on December 7th from 11:30am to 10:00pm. Twenty-five percent of each order with a flyer will go to St. Anne's School. This is for eat-in or take-out orders only.

May Street Fair and Ministry Fair Report: Donna Dominguez

Donna reminded everyone about how we had talked about how we can have a fundraiser on May 6, 2012 which is the Lodi Street Fair. She suggested that we have 6 booths (1 per petal) on the corner and in front of the Church to raise money for the Parish.

It was suggested that we have a Farmers Market Booth and a Gardening Booth. She wondered what booths from the Harvest Fest do the best? We could work with the School to determine the most efficient booths. She thought that all the Ministries could make a poster showing what they are all about with pictures showing what they have done in the past year and maybe having a handout available for people to take home. Some of the things that she wanted everyone to think about were **(a)** do we need to have someone from each ministry there all of the time? **(b)** should we have just one person from each Petal?

Regarding the Ministry Fair that is scheduled for June 2 & 3, 2012, Donna thought that we could close the street and have our booths outside. We could use the same posters that will be used for the Street Fair. We would offer people coffee and doughnuts (no other food). She asks do we want to continue the raffle? Should we do a presentation at one or two of the Masses? Should we have a bilingual Mass? Mike Joyce said that at the Cathedral of the Annunciation they use colored banners to show people what ministries are available at the parish. These are some things to think about. There will be a planning meeting on Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30pm. Donna will e-mail everyone to confirm the location. If you or someone in your ministry would like to take part in the planning, please be sure to attend the meeting.

Donna spoke about how at the October Meeting the School asked how they could get integrated into the Petal. The Ministry Team thought that Annie's Angels could move to the Social Justice Petal, the St. Anne's Parent's Club could move to the Catholic Fellowship Petal, the School Advisory could move to the Liturgy Petal and the Teachers and Staff could move to the Faith Formation Petal. Dennis Taricco, the Ministry Team Liaison will let us know how this is going at the Ministry Team Meeting next Thursday, November 10th.

Small Group Discussion

LITURGY

Mike Joyce joins the Liturgy Petal as music director. Introductions were made.

Juan Herrera joins the Liturgy Petal from the School Advisory committee.

Carmen reminded everyone of the meeting at her house on Nov 29 at 6:30pm to further discuss the plans for upcoming holiday services. As suggested at our last meeting at Carmen's, we have ordered the Source Book for Seasons and Weekdays to assist the committee in planning future holiday, feast day and holy day celebrations.

Altar Servers rehearsal issue - No one from altar servers was present so there was no update. It was noted that there have been altar servers at all the masses so at least some issues were resolved.

Carmen reminded everyone to email her first for items to be placed in the bulletin so she can submit them in the proper format.

Pam brought up that greeters are still in need of name tags. Carmen indicated that Sam had asked for all the names of petal members months ago and that they were submitted. She had assumed they were for name tags. There will be follow-up on this issue.

Grace asked everyone to correct the cell phone number in the member handout as the one listed is her father's. Her correct cell number is 642-2463. The correct number will be submitted to Donna.

Ann asked if there will be music at the Thanksgiving Mass. Mike inquired about past practice. He will follow up on this issue. He gave examples of what other parishes where he has worked have done on Thanksgiving, such as having bread/food blessed. Other inquiries were made about Immaculate Conception and it was decided to discuss at our group meeting on the 29th to give Mike time to research. Planning for Our Lady of Guadalupe begins soon. Rosa stated there will be a meeting on Nov 9th. There is a committee to make decisions on this celebration. Ann asked if there will be children's liturgy at Christmas. The Christmas Children's Mass is handled through Religious Education. Carmen will follow up with Sr Isabel and Rosalia.

Pam wants to know if she can change her alternate for greeters. Carmen asked to be notified so she can let Donna know.

Ann suggested a music booth for the May Street Fair in 2012. We could make a CD of religious music from the various choirs and Life Teen and sell the CD at the booth. It may make a good fundraiser.

Items to present to the Ministry Team;

- 1) The Greeters would like personalized name tags. Approximately 8 name tags. The Knights and Daughters usually wear their personalized badges but there are a few that are neither and would like a personalized badge. Possibly made like the ones we wear at the Petal meetings.

- 2) The Liturgy Petal would like clarification regarding their role in the parish dinners. The ministries of the Liturgy Petal function on a weekly basis, in some cases daily. The Ushers volunteer base is the Knights of Columbus and the Greeters volunteer base is the Daughters of Isabella. The Spanish Community of the Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers volunteer base is the Mex/Am Catholic Federation. As members of these organizations they are already called upon to help with the parish dinners. The Liturgy Petal feels they need to focus on Liturgy and work with the other petals according to their function. For Example: the Faith Formation Petal has asked for the Liturgy Petal to celebrate the Marian Feast Days. This falls into the vision of the Parish Petal.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

St. Vincent de Paul: Collecting winter clothes, sleeping bags, blankets, warm items. They will be collected on the third weekend masses in the vestibule. Volunteers from the parish to monitor the collections are needed. Salvation Army will pick up items on Monday.

Parish Nurse: On November 7th, a Grief Session will be held for people trying to get thru the holidays. Will be held at Lodi Memorial Hospital. Developing a calendar of activities and programs for the coming year.

Pastoral Care: Continuing to do hospital visits, home visits. Deborah McCaskill is the new Pastoral Care Rep.

Legion of Mary: Continuing giving communion to nursing and home bound parishioners. Patients at the facilities are asking when Masses will resume.

Respect for Life: Making a request thru Porfi for a table in the Church Vestibule for Respect for Life information. Table to be set up Dec 3rd and 4th.

Ministry Team Liaison: Would like to meet the Wednesday before the Petal Meeting to discuss any projects involving the Social Justice Petal.

Annie's Angels: Prepare and serve meals at the Salvation Army on the 2nd Wednesday from 3:30pm to 5:30pm.

Loel Center: Is having a fund raiser Lobster Dinner \$70.00 per person.

Salvation Army: Needs Volunteer Bell Ringers. Call Janis Roth. Bell ringing starts Nov. 14th.

Outreach: Doing receptions after funeral for parishioners on request.

ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL

No notes from St. Anne's Petal as they broke up and met in other petals for the first time.

CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP

Joy Hickox-Daughters of Isabella, John Atwood, Knights of Columbus, Marie Grady, St Anne's Seniors, Eva Ortiz, Marte Ecclesiae, Veronica Natera, St Anne's School Parent Club, Ana Molina, Mexican American Catholic Federation, Barbara, Young Lady Institute, Matt, Teams of our Lady

October meeting we suggested perhaps other groups could take on a Parish Dinner. We were asked to prepare a outline of all areas a Ministry team would be able to help with at a Parish Dinner. Will have outline ready for January meeting.

Daughters - Have Boutique Saturday November 5, 2011 and December Dinner

Knights- Nothing for November & December

Marte Ecclesiae- in December- 12th Virgin Guadalupe and Posadas

YLI - Nothing for November & December

St Anne's Seniors - November 4th Tuesday of month Luncheon, December 3 Tuesday of the month Christmas Party

Teams of our Lady - November providing Thanksgiving Dinner to a Needy Family and December 3rd in Turlock Advent gathering.

St Anne's School Parent Club - Poinsetta Sales joint with Religious Education contact any student to order to see the bulletin. Also in December they have a breakfast with St Nick. They are also joining with Life Teen for the Parade of Lights

MACF - Tamale Sale for pick up November 19, St Anne's Hall

Item for Ministry Team: Parish Dinners perhaps should start at 5:30 (seems we lost some guest at prior dinner because of the time)

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT

No notes were received from this petal.

FAITH FORMATION

ARISE –Arise is winding down for this session. Bishop will be promoting a Life and Dignity Sunday this week asking parishioners to get involved.

ESTUDIOS BIBLICO –Not in attendance.

GRUPO DE ORACION – They are having their annual Charismatic Congress in Spanish on November 19 and 20 at Stockton Memorial Civic Auditorium. There will be different speakers, a Holy Hour with the Blessed Sacrament, confessions by different priests from the Dioceses and a Holy Mass offered by Bishop Steven Blaire.

INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION – Not in attendance.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION – They have a new English speaking marriage prep couple, Lew and Eleanor Thorne. They have jumped in and already are sponsoring a couple. They are also up and running with the new Focus Inventory for Pre-marriage couples. Lourdes Arvizu, St. Anne's Wedding Coordinator is working hard meeting with the engaged couples and working with them through St. Anne's new process.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION –

- A. Fundraiser: They have not heard from Mr. Atwood at the Knights of Columbus about their request for help for the Confirmation II students. Anita Oaxaca, from the Daughters of Isabella, requested some information about the number of students who need financial help. Maria Zamora is working on this information and she will give it to her as soon as possible.
- B. The fundraising proposal through Lighthouse Catholic Media: "Catholic CD of the Month Club", offered to them by Cami Ferry could not be done because they have the Poinsettia Fundraiser going on now. They hope that in the near future they can do that project because it will not only help the students, it will also help evangelize many families because the speakers are outstanding and the CD's a very inexpensive.
- C. The Religious Education Program and the RCIT group will have a Christmas tree in the foyer of the church with the names of all our students. Parishioners will be invited to take a name and contribute whatever they can to help the students pay for their confirmation retreats

RICIA - Happy to be up and running with their new RCIA group. They will be dismissing their new candidates/catechumens at the 10:30 am Masses on Sunday for the month of November. The parishioners will be able to see and pray for them as they break open the Word of God more attentively and respond to Our Lord's offering of Salvation. They need our prayers as they shepherd God's new children into the fold.

The San Francisco Church tour was great. Next year they are planning on advertising on the local Catholic radio stations. The tour is always uplifting and reminds us how widespread our faith is and how many brothers and sisters we really have. Encourage others to try to make it next year.

ROSARY MAKERS – Busy month: 20 to Legion of Mary; 20 to Religious Ed; 6 to convalescent hospital clients; 8 to St. Anne’s school; 2 to replace lost rosaries. Current projects: wire rosaries to ALL 1st Holy Communion candidates; cord rosaries for ALL confirmation candidates; cord rosaries in St. Anne’s School colors for the students, Pro-life rosaries for the Walk for Life event, and Right to Life rosaries (pink & blue) for social justice.

SEEDS OF FAITH –They had their annual retreat at Villa del Mar in Santa Cruz and it was good.

VISITATION AND ADORATION -This past month has been spent educating the Adorers on the new process and procedures for signing in and the use of substitutes for adoration times. We have developed written procedures and they were emailed out and 20 sent out to those without email. Overall, everyone has been doing well. We have been checking the sign in book and calling where we see problems. We are asking each substitute to sign in under the specific name of the person whose place they are talking. Due to schedule changes with various people, there have been some changes and we are in need of additional Adorers. An email was sent out asking for help. Also put together an easy access ON CALL list that was emailed out and sent by post. Roster has been updated and sent out by email. Our visitation alternate has moved to another petal, and we are looking for a new alternate. After the first of the year, we would like to plan an Adorer Social Event to better introduce ourselves to each other.

CHRIST THE KING FEAST AND ADORATION – Sunday, November 20th we will have Benediction and Adoration in the Main Church after the last Mass around 2:30.

PETAL DISCUSSION – Regarding an annual Spring Parish Fundraiser/Ministry Fair – We think that the template is in place with the Harvest Fair and that we should just use the same format, slide in the middle, kid’s games in the parking lot, food booths to sell home-made pies, cakes, cookies, tacos, tamales. The different ministries could have additional booths interspersed throughout to sell their wares to make money and market what they do as a Ministry.

We thought that there should be some kind of theme – perhaps Mother’s Day/Gardening/Home Improvement theme. However, because there is so much going on at the end of the school year, with First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Graduation, Weddings, we think two events as suggested or two dates is too much. Focus on the Parish Fundraiser/Ministry Fair/ Evangelization to the greater public and then perhaps designate different Sundays for each Petal to encourage parishioners to sign up for the different ministries. They could be “spotlighted” in the bulletin, Banner Procession in the Church, and a booth and signups in the street, in the grotto or in the vestibule.

NO ISSUES TO SEND UP TO THE MINISTRY TEAM



Large Group Discussion

Final Announcements: Donna Dominguez

Please be sure to communicate with your alternate and your ministry members so that we can support each other. Thank you to the Catholic Fellowship Petal for tonight's refreshments. We will not have a meeting in the month of December. The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 5, 2012. The members of the Faith Formation Petal will provide the refreshments for that meeting. If you cannot make the planning meeting, please e-mail Donna your ideas and input.

Fr. Brandon closed the meeting with a prayer.