

## **PARISH MINISTRY PETALS MEETING JANUARY 5, 2012**

Donna Dominguez welcomed everyone to the meeting. Fr. Brandon started the meeting with a prayer and then we all recited the St. Anne's Ministry Petals Prayer together.

### **Affirmations:**

- (a)** Joan Cahill affirmed the Arts & Environment group for the gorgeous environment in the Church for the Christmas season.
- (b)** Deacon Karl Welsbacher affirmed all the dedicated lay people who are so active in the parish. He said "the Holy Spirit is here and alive in the parish".
- (c)** Janice Roth affirmed all those in the parish who donated coats and blankets for the recent coat and blanket drive for the Salvation Army.
- (d)** Fr. Brandon affirmed the Daughters of Isabella for the wonderful Christmas Dinner "A Nutcracker Christmas".
- (e)** Sr. Rosalie Cano affirmed Donna Dominguez for her help with the "Giving the Gift of Faith" Christmas tree.
- (f)** Priscilla McMillen affirmed Mike Joyce for the outstanding Christmas Eve Service. She said, "the music was wonderful"!
- (g)** Fr. Brandon affirmed Eva Ordaz, Rosa Trevizo and Marcos Sandoval for all their help with the Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration. Fr. Brandon also affirmed Eva Ordaz and Rosa Trevizo for all their work in putting on the Posadas and helping to bring unity in the Parish.
- (h)** Fr. Brandon affirmed the Mexican-American Catholic Federation and the Grupo de Oracion who both had Tamale Sales for fundraisers and the Knights of Columbus for their religious themed Christmas card sale.
- (i)** Laurie Cotulla affirmed Tony Moreno and Donna Dominguez for bringing the Youth and the Daughters of Isabella together to make rosaries.
- (j)** Margaret Shore affirmed the bilingual Masses. She said "This is a step in the right direction; it's bringing the community together and they have been very well attended.

Everyone was reminded that the CommUnity Mass is the third Sunday of every month (at 6pm), and we will also have the St. Vincent de Paul's

Monthly Collection for the Salvation Army every fourth Sunday of the month.

Donna reminded everyone to keep their eyes open for people or groups that you can affirm at our next meeting!

**Housekeeping: Donna Dominguez**

Please be sure to see page 1 of tonight's handout for the changes in information that need to be made to the binders. The minutes from tonight's meeting are due on Monday, January 9.

**Petal Process Discussion: Fr. Brandon and Donna Dominguez**

Fr. Brandon stated that someone had come up to him saying that he is "not connected" with the "common" person of the parish. He explained to them how the Parish Ministry Petals work so that he can get the information regarding people's concerns and then respond to these concerns. Fr. Brandon asked that everyone please be sure to give out the information that you receive at this meeting every month. Our number one goal is to share the information! Please take the information back to your group and bring their concerns back to this meeting next month. Fr. Brandon asked that everyone please help him with this.

Donna gave the example of a phone tree and used a visual aid handout to show how many people can receive the information we receive at these Parish Ministry Petals Meetings when we share it with everyone in our group. She said that she had received a few phone calls from people regarding putting announcements into the bulletin around the holidays, but there was a change in the submittal dates and because these people had not received the information from their petal representatives, they missed the deadline. If you or your group needs any help getting information to your group, please let Donna know.

**Pastor's Report: Fr. Brandon Ware**

The kitchen renovation at Dominican Hall has been completed and has been signed off. The school will now be making lunch in the new kitchen. Dennis' goal is to have a federally-funded food program. The Chapel revitalization should be done by the end of January. He is excited to show it to the community. The Bishop has to come to consecrate the new altar before we will be able to celebrate Mass there; and this may take a while. The stained glass windows should be done and installed this month also.

Someone then asked Fr. Brandon if we will be able to have Adoration in the renovated Chapel even before we can have Mass there? Fr. Brandon said that he did not know and that he will have to find out.

Fr. Brandon announced that Mr. Cletus Roth is our new part-time Facilities Director, Fr. Mario Guarin has returned to us (and we hope to have him here for at least three years), and Fr. Carlos will be returning to Mexico to his religious order.

Donna Dominguez spoke about the updated Fundraising Proposal Form. Please be sure to use this updated form! It was stated that the longest that an issue could be held up is a month; it's a process of discernment and it gets other people's ideas. Priscilla McMillen asked if it is better to get your ideas/dates in sooner than later? Donna said "yes". Teresa Locke said that it really starts with the Calendar Meeting in the Spring. Everyone will be notified of the date, time and location of this meeting once it is scheduled.

#### **Ministry Fair Update: Donna Dominguez**

It has been decided that this year, instead of doing one "big" Ministry Fair, we will feature one ministry at a time on the weekends.

#### **May Street Fair Update: Donna Dominguez**

Donna introduced Ms. Olivia Heier who has been selected as the Chairperson of the May Street Fair. Olivia said that she is currently gathering facts. Her goal is to raise funds and evangelize; and she wants the community to see that St. Anne's is an important part of the Lodi Downtown Community!

#### **Announcements/Approved Handouts: Donna Dominguez**

Donna went over the approved handouts for this evening's meeting which are: The Walk for Life, The Daughters of Isabella's "Dance-A-Thon", and the St. Vincent de Paul's Monthly Collections for the Salvation Army.

### **Liturgy**

Carmen reminded everyone of the Liturgy meeting at her house on 1/31/12 at 6:30pm to start planning for the Lenten season. Since Fr. Kraft will not be at the meeting, Carmen will email last year's planning notes to him for comments.

The November petal minutes were sent out late, so members were reminded to send out ASAP.

Parish Dinner – still waiting to see what the Liturgy role is in the planning of the dinners.

As to Lent:

The church is in Year B. Everyone is encouraged to read the Source Books “Preparing for Lent” for ideas/help with this year’s planning.

We talked about the ‘spirit of Lent’ and how it affects Arts & Environment, music (should it be more sedate; should they dress in like colors of the season - purple); activities - how to draw the community into Lent – community of faith – “where are they”, “what are their traditions”; need to think about how to honor the traditions. Need to think about much more than just scheduling the Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors and making sure they are available to fulfill their commitments.

Suggested ideas were:

Take the theme from the Gospel and put it in the bulletin asking parishioners to pray/reflect on the theme/question presented. (ties into faith formation)

Fr. Kraft shared that at one of his parishes, someone commented that they never see the youth involved in church. So for Lent, they did a silent passion of the cross (mime) and during the passion, a cross was passed over the heads of the parishioners and by the end, many people were so moved they were crying. May be something to think about for the future. Comments were made about how many ministers did not show up for the Christmas and New Year masses and how important it is to find replacements.

Make sure you notify Donna of your ministry information per the handout. You can email if available to make it easier for her.

Fr. Kraft asked if there has been feedback regarding the bi-lingual masses for 6:30pm Life Teen, thanksgiving and midnight Christmas masses. There were several positive comments made.

Heads-up reminders: upcoming crab feed, Arise sign-up weekend of Feb 4,5 and Arise starts Feb 19.

Parish dinner hosted by Daughters of Isabella on Feb 29.

Remember to send out minutes of meeting to your ministries and keep in communication with them.

## Catholic Fellowship

Lorrie Cotulla of the Daughters of Isabella discussed the problems she had with scheduling a Day of Reflection during Lent. She said she didn't know she had to get the speaker approved ahead of time. Teresa

Locke said there may have been some miscommunication, but it is important to schedule things way in advance. She said they will sit down with the Master Calendar for 2013 fairly soon, and that all of the parish groups will have an opportunity to book their dates for future events.

On Feb. 29 the Daughters of Isabella will host the Parish Dinner and it will be a Lenten Soup Dinner. It will be held from 5 to 7:30 P.M. so that those who want to eat early can do so, but those who come later can still be served. There was a general discussion of the time for Parish Dinners, and it was agreed that 6:30 was probably too late to start them, and that 5 to 7:30 would be the best time for the reasons outlined above.

Lorrie pointed out that a different petal could be in charge of each Parish Dinner, but that they could get help from another petal if necessary.

The Knights of Columbus said they will have their Valentine's Dinner Dance on Feb. 11.

The Daughters of Isabella will have a Dance A Thon that was already approved to raise money for our various Youth Groups.

The Teams of Our Lady said 10 couples and their families got together for an Advent/Christmas Party and they collected toys for needy children.

The Mexican-American Catholic Federation said they sold 240 dozen tamales prior to Christmas, and they prepared Gift Baskets for 30 needy families.

It was announced that St. Anne's School would have their Crab Feed on Jan. 21.

Marie Grady said the Seniors Luncheon was attended by about 100 people for Christmas and that they also collected food and toys for the needy.

Matthew Roche brought up the idea that perhaps the Minutes of the monthly Petal Committee Meetings should be posted in the Vestibule of the Church and/or printed in the bulletin. He said some people come to Mass but never take part in anything, and they simply don't know what is going on in the parish. So he thought this would be a good way to inform them.

Teresa Locke said Matthew's proposal would be brought up at the next Ministry Team Meeting and perhaps something like that could be done.

## Youth & Young Adult

Present: Adrian Cisneros (YAM), Ben Huerta (AMI), Tony Moreno (Ministry Team)

Absent: Josh Tomlinson (LT), Amanda Elrod (CYO), Sabrina Arteaga (PAC),

### **Quick Ministry Check-In/Petal Discussion:**

- Young Adults - They will be hosting a five week Theology of the Body Seminar for Young Adults (ages 18-39), every Thursday, beginning 1/12/12 at 7:00 PM in the Skillin Building.
- Amigos de Jesus - Getting ready to participate in the Walk for Life on 1/21/12. Also preparing for the Diocesan Congreso Juvenil in February.
- Life Teen - Preparing to facilitate a Confirmation 1 retreat all day on Saturday for 7<sup>th</sup> graders. After that, the program goes into retreat mode - two 8<sup>th</sup> grade retreats in February and a high school retreat in March. The group is also getting ready to participate in the Walk for Life.

### **Discussion:**

- As far as communication, with Parish Soft, are we able to email out on a parish-wide level yet? The idea would be to email out important information and links to website on a parish-wide level.

### **ISSUES FOR THE MINISTRY TEAM:**

Amigos requested permission to hand out fliers for the Congreso and Tony Melendez concert that will be happening in February. They would like to hand out after Masses on February 4/5, and February 11/12. They would like to put up posters on bulletin board and Youth Room, with an announcement in the bulletin.

#### **Faith Formation**

ARISE – They are preparing for Season Four which begins the week of Lent, February 19<sup>th</sup>. Facilitator training is January 11 at St. Michael's in Stockton. February 4 and 5 will be sign up Sunday. In November one of the Arise Groups brought to the community the movie "Fireproof." This same group would like to bring to the Ministry Team the request for approval to bring the movie "Bella" which is an inspirational story about love, hope and forgiveness.

ESTUDIOS BIBLICOS – They have a new Petal Alternate now in attendance to assist in communication. Her name is Emelia Haro. The Bible Study Group aims at working so that the knowledge of God's Word is known to everyone, as to bring each of its members to their inner renewal and spiritual maturity. Due to this mission, almost all of its members have volunteered in providing various services in ministries such as: Extraordinary ministers of communion, proclaimers of the Word of God, catechists, catechist assistants, facilitators in the Arise movement, and they also have three vocations to the Diaconate. Annette Murdaca asked if they could consider providing "committed" weekly Adoration Adorers. Annette will work with them in providing the necessary sign up information.

GRUPO DE ORACION – Grupo de Oracion had a very successful tamale sale. They would like to work with people on the Petal in better communicating with the Spanish community on the Walk for Life and the importance of praying the Rosary for the Walk and for the end to abortion. They would like to have someone make a presentation or more formal explanation of the Walk for Life at the Spanish Masses. It was

recommended that they go to Donna and see if this can be arranged immediately since the time frame for announcements in the bulletin has passed. In the future they would like to do bulletin inserts and ask for more communal prayer.

INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION – No report/not in attendance

MARRIAGE PREPARATION – They currently have 6 couples in the Marriage Preparation Process. They are asking for prayer for them as they prepare to receive the beautiful sacrament of Marriage

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION –

- A. Fundraiser: No response as of yet from the Knights as to their request for monies to fund Student's Retreat.
- B. Christmas Tree - The Adopt a Student tree was done and placed in the vestibule. Parishioners were invited to take a name and contribute to the support of a student. Tony Moreno is in charge of the donations and will report as soon as possible.
- C. Christmas Poinsettias Fundraiser. The school made approximately \$600; don't know how much of that money will be distributed to the Adopt a Student program.
- D. Donations – Daughters of Isabella provided financial help for a needy family. The children attend Religious Education here in Lodi but live in Woodbridger. Anita Oaxaca brought \$200 to their home and a week later Religious Ed received another \$100 donation which was given to another needy family from Mater Ecclesiae. An anonymous donor provided Barbie Doolis and \$500 cash for a needy family. The Ortiz family received the donation on January 3<sup>rd</sup> due to a terrible death in the family and travel to Mexico.
- E. Conferences – Sr. Rosalie is trying to arrange for a speaker from Loyola Press, Mr. Joe Paproki, to give a talk for all parishioners, especially the parents of the religious ed students. The talk would be on "Living the Mass" or "Practice Makes Catholic." The speaker is booked for this year; but she is working on the following year. They ask for prayer for this speaker to come in 2013.
- F. Christmas Celebration – Due to illness they were unable to have the Christmas play for students, but a movie was played instead and they parents and children sang Christmas carols. Candy canes were handed out to the children

RCIA/RCIC/RCIT - No report/not in attendance

ROSARY MAKERS - They donated 50 to Welcome Committee; 90 to Pro-life Ministry, 5 to convalescent clients, 2 wire rosaries to replace stolen or lost rosaries. They are currently working on wire rosaries for the First Communion candidates, and cord rosaries for the Confirmation candidates.

SEEDS OF FAITH –No Report

VISITATION AND ADORATION – Epiphany Sunday Adoration at 2:00 – Encourage attendance.

Adoration Chapel will not be ready until February. We will maintain the existing Adoration

Schedule of 12 to 5 in the Main Church until the chapel is reopened.

Annette will send Adoration sign up information to Emelia Haro in Estudios Biblicos.

PETAL DISCUSSION - Discussed how we would like to have the Walk for Life discussed more at the Spanish masses and how to better communicate the needs of petals.

Best Practices Discussion: Make sure that all petal representatives report back to their organizations the workings of the Petal. Highly suggested that each petal ministry put on their agendas each month a standing “Petal Report” item.

ITEMS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE MINISTRY TEAM:

1. Approve the viewing of “Bella” movie in the Arise groups.
2. A. Permission for Grupo de Oracion to prepare prayer cards to be distributed at Spanish Masses requesting prayer for Walk for Life.  
B. Prayers of the Faithful – Include prayer for the Walk for Life annually and include prayer for an end to abortion daily Mass and Sunday Mass
3. In the daily Mass celebration, Sacristan please notify the parishioners in attendance whether the Mass is a Feast celebration or a Memorial celebration so that the appropriate liturgical prayers can be said orally.
4. Ask all Petal Ministries to make “Petal Report” a standard Agenda item at their meetings.

## Social Justice

Ministries: St. Vincent de Paul: Sponsors the monthly collection with proceeds going to Salvation Army. The monthly collection for Jan 2012 is Shoes and Socks. Decembers collection brought in

About 175 coats, some blankets and sleeping bags.

Legion of Mary: There has been an increased in giving Communion at nursing homes and homebound parishioners. They would like to promote saying the Rosary and Divine Mercy at the Church. Would like more people to attend.

Walk for Life: See flyer for info on Walk for Life in San Francisco. Message for Walk for Life Symposium on Jan. 14 at St. Michaels in the Church Bulletin.

Outreach: 3 Outreaches were done in December.

Church Bulleting should state that complete minuets are on the website for those parishioners who do not belong to a ministry. Could written minuets be requested for those who do not have computers?

Could a suggestion box be established for parishioners to ask questions re: a certain ministry?

Donna reminded everyone to please update your Member List and to please communicate with as many people as possible!

Donna thanked the Faith Formation Petal for the refreshments tonight. The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 2. The Liturgy Petal is responsible to bring the refreshments for that meeting.

Fr. Brandon told everyone that he brought them a small gift (a one decade Rosary ring) from his pilgrimage and to please be sure to get one from Joan Cahill on your way out.

Fr. Brandon then closed the meeting with prayer.