

## MARCH 2024 CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION REPORT

**Present:** Denise Brady, Ray Busuttil, Richard Fullmerhouser, Sandy Rogala

**Absent:** Dan Gauvin, Helen Ickes, Mary Nakamura, Terri Thor

The meeting opened with prayer at 1:00

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### **Funeral Lunch**

All going well. When the subject was brought up by Toni that sometimes there is a lot of food left over (more than the family can take with them) it's more difficult, post COVID, to find places that will take the food. Richard reported that he is working with a couple of parishioners to help an organization called *Elevate Detroit*. If there is food left over, Toni will text Richard and he will make sure the food is frozen until it can be taken over to *Elevate Detroit*.

#### **Knights of Columbus**

Chili Cook Off went well; 12 participants and they cleared \$250 from the raffle.

They are leading Stations of the Cross on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

They are helping with the Bunny Brunch/Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>; gave Linda Kramer a \$150 donation towards that event. They are purchasing new picnic tables (metal ones like the ones they purchased for the school) for the patio area near the Parish Office.

The Coat Drive went very well raising \$6K towards the purchase of coats for children.

Tootsie Roll Drive is on-going.

They purchased a new Exit sign for St Christine's Pantry.

They have 5 new Knights but are always looking for younger men to participate.

#### **St Vincent DePaul**

Thus far our conference has helped 49 individuals in need, but more when you include those they have helped while partnering with other councils.

*Adopt-A-Road* will be on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 9AM; cleaning 5 Mile between Newburgh and Haggerty. Patti Kelly working to get young/student aged people to sign up.

Still supporting Camp Ozanam June-August.

*Clothing Drive* will be the weekend of June 15/16

There is a storage unit for donated furniture and bedding, lamps, etc. available. If someone calls Toni asking about donating furniture she will get their info and give to Richard who will talk to the individual to see if we are able to accommodate them. Same applies if someone calls looking for furniture.

*Journey to Housing* is an arm of StVdP that provides budgeting and other things to help people get into housing. If someone calls regarding this Toni will get the info to Richard and he will take it from there.

St Vincent DePaul would love to have some younger members!

#### **Gospel of Life**

Thanks to Ray and Josette Busuttil for their help transporting the Right To Life/Lifespan Baby Shower gifts to WeeCare after 11am Mass on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. It took three vehicles to carry it all. Karen Patrosso, WeeCare's Director, extends her greatest appreciation for their help as well as to all the generous parishioners of St. Edith that donated all the baby items.

It's great to see so many Knights attending the Gospel of Life Rosary on Wednesdays at 6pm in the Chapel during Lent. The Rosary will continue as usual after Easter with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and other prayers for life. All are welcome

**Outreach**

Lenten Almsgiving is going very well with the generous parishioners of St Edith supporting each and every organization each weekend of Lent. Our reach goes far with so many organizations supported.

**Parish Council**

The new cards with QR codes are in the pews for people to use to sign up for various things in the parish.

Possible family pilgrimage to the Felician Sisters Grotto one Sunday after 11:00 Mass.

Spirit Wear will be available in the future; encouraging everyone who purchases a St Edith spirit wear, to wear it when volunteering anywhere.

**Parish Nurse**

No report

The meeting ended at 2:40.

Our next (and final meeting until September!) will be on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00

Submitted by: Toni Sheffield