



St. Peter Catholic Church Parish

Synod Update #7

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Social Justice Committee

The Social Justice Committee would like to thank all of those who donated to the needy families of our church and civil parish through the Thanksgiving Baskets and the Christmas Giving Tree projects. With all of the donations the projects were a huge success. Special thanks to Sheila Oubre and Irene Weber, who led and organized the Christmas Giving Tree, and to the Knights of Columbus who accepted food donations from St. Peter Church, St. Hubert Church, St. Peter School, and Riverside Academy. 31 food baskets were delivered to 30 families in Garyville, Reserve, and LaPlace. In addition, presents of clothing and toys were collected and delivered to 36 children.

Many of our parishioners may be unaware of the extent of poverty in our immediate area. Those who are in need often require assistance not just at the holiday season, but all year long! Therefore, we ask you to remember that we have a food wagon in the front of the church to collect nonperishable food donations throughout the year. Please try to get into the habit of bringing a donation on a regular basis, such as weekly or monthly.

There will also be another big food drive this spring/summer.

Evangelization Committee

Due to circumstances beyond our control, our Ministers of Hospitality (aka "greeters") were not able to begin their service in the fall. They should be ready to begin very soon. Special thanks to Wendy Ilski who has taken over the leadership of the greeters. If you have any questions or concerns about this ministry, or if you would like to become a greeter, you may contact Wendy Ilski at 985-628-0888 or wendyilski@aol.com.

Vocations Committee

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to host the Traveling Crucifix. At Eastertime we will begin taking signups for the summer months. If you have not yet had an opportunity to host the Traveling Crucifix, the slower pace of the summer may provide an ideal time to do so. Second time signups will also be welcome at that time.

Family Life Committee

The next Alpha will start on Tuesday, March 12, 2019. Ascension of Our Lord Church will be the host site again. Mark Williams is the contact person. Mark can be reached at 985-652-7580 or markw24@aol.com.

Married Stations of the Cross will be held at St. Joan of Arc Church this year. The date and time is TBA.

The Supper and Substance planned for Valentine's Weekend has been placed on hold for now. We will announce when it will be rescheduled.

The Family Life Committee needs to expand. In order to better serve the needs of the community we need ideas from the community as to what they would like from the Marriage and Family Life Committee in 2019, and we need people to assist. Please prayerfully consider lending your time and talent to the Committee. If you think that you can help, please contact Richard or Diane Abbondante. Inquiring about the Committee does not mean making a commitment, it only means that you are thinking about helping and want more information.

Community Outreach

Our census shows that St. Peter Parish has 980 registered, active and supporting parishioners, including the children. The decline in the number of active parishioners is consistent with the nation-wide trend of declining participation in the Church. Our Pastoral Council feels that community outreach to expand our parish in our most important goal. In an attempt to do this, Pew Cards were placed in the pews during the Christmas Season. A direct mailing prior to Lent is currently being planned. It will inform the community of our Lenten Schedule. However, research has proven that the most effective way to get people into church is to have someone personally invite them to Mass. All of us know relatives, neighbors and friends who do not practice any faith. First, pray for them that their hearts may be open to the Holy Spirit. Then consider inviting someone you know well to come to Mass. In certain cases, it may be better for you to invite them to come to Mass with you. Invite with kindness and in a welcoming way. Never use criticism or say "you should come to Church". It may also take more than one invitation before you get a positive response. Evangelization is the responsibility of all Christians. It is our duty to obey God's commandments and spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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