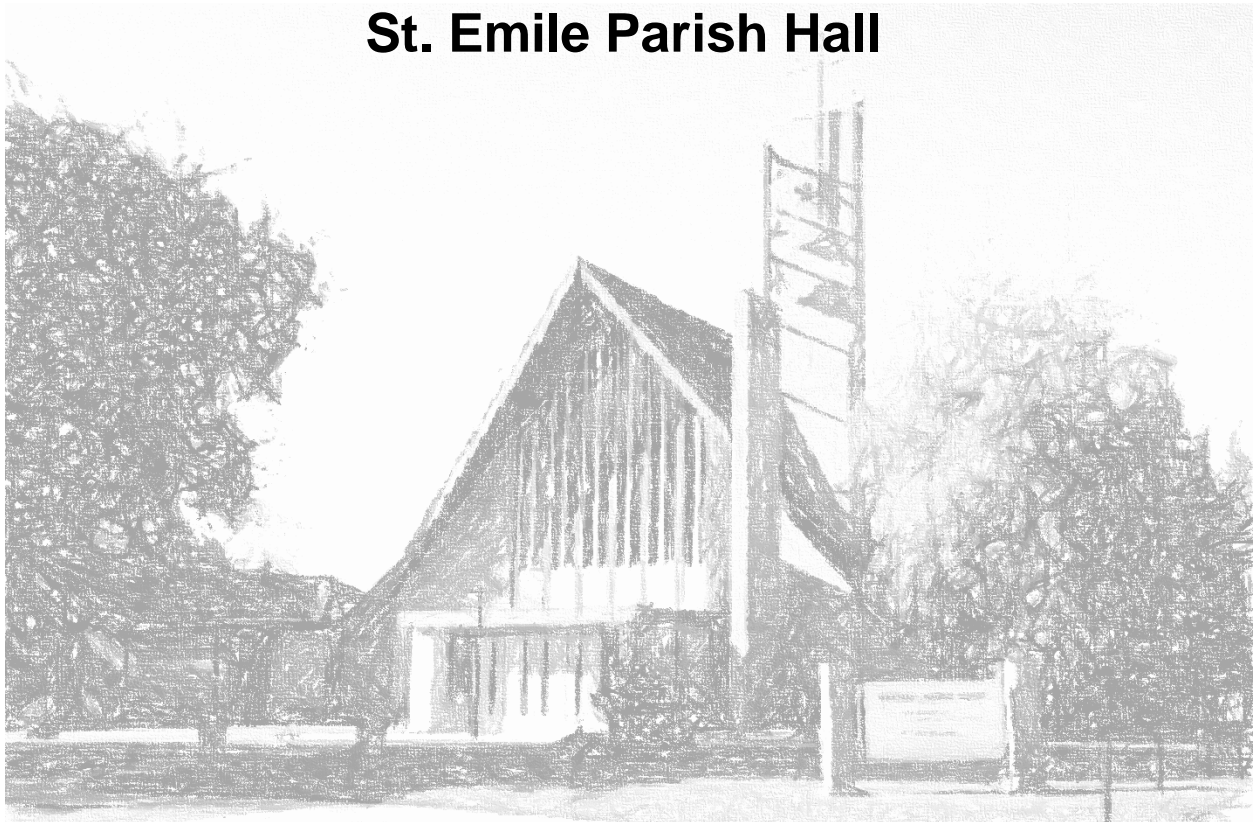


# **St. Emile Parish Annual General Meeting**

**March 24, 2019**

## **St. Emile Parish Hall**



***“...it is increasingly clear that in a parish, the two key sources and prime movers of all this are the Pastors, Parish Life Directors, and the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), surrounded and carried by all the faithful.”*** (letter from Archbishop A. LeGatt, 2018)

## **Prayer before meeting**

Heavenly Father, we come to You, asking for your guidance, wisdom and support as we begin this meeting.

Help us to engage in meaningful discussion.

Allow us to grow closer as a group to discern Your will.

Fill us with Grace, Lord God, as we make decisions that affect the parish that we represent.

Send your Holy Spirit to kindle a flame within us to pass onto all those we meet.

Continue to remind us that, what we do here today, all that we accomplish, is for the pursuit of truth for Your greater glory and the service of our brothers and sisters.

We ask these things in Jesus' name.

Amen.

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## REPORTS

### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) submitted by Paulette Dupuis**

Our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) consists of:

- 4 executive members:
  - Pastor: Fr. Gerry Sembrano
  - Chairperson: Paulette Dupuis
  - Secretaries: Toni Pakingan-Illas and Gilbert Dupuis
- 9 ministries
- 7 liaisons

*Ministries* are formed in response to the needs of our Parish community. Each ministry consists of a chairperson and committee members.

*Liaisons* are existing organizations in the Parish (ie. CWL, Knights of Columbus, etc).

Each *Ministry* has formulated an Action Plan, comprised of a description of the ministry, ongoing actions/activities, and future plans with specific timelines by which these actions are to be accomplished.

#### **Ministries**

- Liturgical Ministry
- Liturgical Hosting Ministry
- Sacristy Ministry
- Music Ministry
- Religious Education Ministry
- Ministry of Care Ministry (Sick & Shut-ins)
- Youth Ministry
- Faith & Spiritual Growth Ministry
- Hospitality Ministry

#### **Liaisons**

- Food Bank
- Knights of Columbus
- Catholic Women's League (CWL)
- Legion of Mary
- St. Emile School
- Couples for Christ
- St. Jude Parish (Syro-Malabar)

The PPC has distinct responsibilities from those of the Parish Administrative/Finance Committee and functions independently of it. However, the 2 bodies have a representative of one council to attend the meeting of the other, assuring clear communication and cooperation. The 2 chairs are also in regular communication.



## ***REPORT specific to Chairperson***

- Prepared agenda for PPC meetings
- Facilitated PPC meetings
- Presented a Chairperson's report and additional pertinent information at PPC meetings
- Included information about the PPC in our bulletins and website
- Included minutes of PPC minutes on parish website
- Attended the Archdiocese Diocesan Council meetings as representative of the PPCs in the diocese
- Met with and assisted PPC ministry chairpersons when needed

St. Emile PPC members work diligently in response to the pastoral needs of our parish. As requested by the Diocese, our council has established a booklet of guidelines to ensure that future members have a solid and clear direction as to the organization and operation of our PPC.

Following the recommendations of the Diocese, the PPC has formulated Mission/Vision statements which will be reviewed and presented to the parishioners.

"Thank you" to our Pastor, Fr. Gerry, for your presence, guidance, and encouragement.

"Thank you" to the dedicated members of the PPC for your commitment of time and energy.

## ***REPORT specific to the Pastor***

### **Daily Masses**

- Daily Masses have been regular at 9:30 am from Monday to Saturday.
- Once a month, there is an extra Mass for Riverside Lions Manor, Meadowood Manor, Riverpark Garden, and Knights' Villa. There is also a Mass for the CWL before their monthly meeting.
- Once a month, the children from St. Emile School join us for morning Mass at the Church.

### **Baptismal Preparation Class**

- Every month, there is a Baptismal Preparation Class for parents and godparents.
- Baptisms are held during the Mass to highlight the communal aspect of the Sacrament. The family gets to meet the parishioners who are welcoming them into our parish family.
- There is still a need for someone to help in this ministry.

### **Healing Mass**

- Every first Saturday, there is a Mass with the Anointing of the Sick.
- There is a jar of oil from which people can get "blessed oil" to take home. (This is not the same as the oil of the Sacrament of the Sick.)
- For those who were unable to come to the Healing Mass, sick visits with anointing and/or communion have been provided.

### **Confessions**

- Every Friday from 10:00 am to 11:00 am (during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament).
- Every Saturday from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm.
- Advent Parish Reconciliation
- Lenten Parish Reconciliation
- First Reconciliation was held in January with other priests assisting.

### **Song of Mary**

- On September 7, 2018, a musical concert was held in honor of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, by various choirs from different parishes (and cultures).
- There was a Marian exhibit of different images and literature about the Blessed Virgin Mary.

### **Baptisms**

- We had 25 infants who were baptized and 4 children who had the full reception into the Catholic faith.

### **Weddings**

- We had 2 weddings for the year, both convalidations (couples married civilly but not Sacramentally).

### **Funerals**

- We have had 9 funerals in 2018.

### **Sanctuary**

- The laptop in the Church was stolen. A parishioner donated \$500.00 for the purchase of a new laptop. René Couture has installed a cabinet to house the laptop, the mixer, and the DVD player in the sanctuary.
- A parishioner donated \$5,500.00 to purchase a new nativity scene. We were able to purchase one at half the price. The parishioner decided to donate the excess to the purchase of other furnishings of the church.

### **Book of the Dead**

- A book of the dead is permanently located in the side chapel of the church. Parishioners are able to write the names of their deceased loved ones.

### **Blessing of sacramentals**

- Blessings of religious articles, cars, etc. are encouraged. No donations are accepted. If people want to donate, they are told to bring their donations when they come to Mass.
- Blessings of homes are popular. It is a way to reach out to our new parishioners, to get to meet the priest, and to ask their questions. No donations are accepted for blessings.

### **Advent Parish Retreat**

- A 2-day retreat was held at the parish during Advent. The first day was compline led by a choir, singing polyphonic music. The second day, the same choir led the music as we had adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Advent Reconciliation.

### **Advent Blessings**

- Evening Prayer to celebrate the beginning of Advent.
- Nativity exhibit of different crèches from all over the world.

### **Parish Christmas Party**

- It was well attended and fun-filled.
- Many positive feedbacks.
- Great talents and great food.

### **Dance lessons**

- Eva De Jesus continues to hold line dancing lessons every Thursday at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

### **St. Emile School**

- The school board meets once a month.
- For some time, the school used the boardroom and the library as classrooms while waiting for their permit to use the portable classrooms.
- Music classes are still held in the parish boardroom and hall.
- The school is very grateful for their use of our rooms and facilities. They have been instrumental in setting up and maintaining our network.
- Fr. Gerry is preparing the children of the school for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Classes are twice a month.

### **Chalet Louis Riel**

- Our parish continues to be a part of the Chalet.

### **Syro-Malabar**

- We have been in good relations with St. Jude Parish and Fr. Tomy. We have agreed to continue to assist them as they build their parish.
- They constantly express their gratitude for our hospitality and generosity in welcoming them into our parish community.

### **Lent**

- Way of the Cross on Fridays and Outdoor Stations on Good Friday were a huge success. Both had great support and attendance from our parishioners and surrounding parishes.
- We had a Parish Lenten Retreat with Melvin De Paz on March 18 & 19, 2018.
- There was Parish Lenten Reconciliation on March 23, 2018.
- Seven – A meditation on the Seven Last Words of Jesus on the cross was led by parishioners. King's Chorus led the singing.

### **Father Act**

- We had a successful concert "Father Act" on November 16, 2018 with Fr. Gerry, Fr. Dominic Lafleur (St. Malo), and Fr. Rodrigo Lazarte (Blessed Sacrament), the King's Chorus and JB Giroux. Christy Nnadi also had a major role in the concert. Tickets

were sold out and people requested it to be an annual event. Proceeds were used to help with expenses in our Catechism programs. We plan to have another one this year.

### **Christmas**

- This year, to accommodate our parishioners, we had 3 Christmas Eve Masses and 1 Christmas Day Mass. There was a concern for availability of parking spaces at the time between the first 2 Christmas Eve Masses. This year we will increase the gap between the 2 Masses.

### **Marriage Preparation Course**

- Gilbert Vielfaure and his wife have expressed their desire to help in the preparation of couples for marriage. They are currently studying a program based on the Theology of the Body and will be conducting a course which will also train other couples to be part of the preparation team.

### **Concerns**

- There is a need for ongoing formation. I have expressed our need to formators, teachers for both adult and youth programs.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE *submitted by Rose Marie Couture***

### **Accomplishments**

- St. Emile Parish Finance Committee has been very busy keeping records, paying bills and upkeeping all of our buildings.
- We are on the plus side because of the generosity of our parishioners and the careful spending of the committee.
- We have hired a Secretary-Treasurer, Alexandra Franco, due to Wilf's retirement.
- We have increased the rent of the parish hall for non-parishioners.
- Kitchen renovations were completed. New tables and chairs were purchased and we were able to sell the old tables and chairs. We had taken an amount of \$55,000 from our diocese savings for the kitchen project; so far we have repaid \$40,000.
- The front office had many details completed.
- The carpet in Fr. Gerry's dining room was replaced, as well as the flooring in the hallway.
- We have improved our security system.

### **Future Projects**

- We plan to replace the chapel carpet and hallway carpet with commercial grade carpet as these areas are being used ever more now with St. Jude and the school making use of our facilities.
- We are looking at improving the front door security system.
- We are looking into obtaining quotes to replace four furnaces and air conditioners.
- We are looking to upgrade the flooring in the parish hall in the upcoming years.

## **FACILITIES/RENTALS submitted by Myrna Mah**

Hall rentals from January 2018 to February 2019 – 36 hall rentals

New hall rental agreement fees:

- Funeral for parishioners - \$200.00
- Non-parishioners - \$400.00

Halls and rooms are used by:

- Legion of Mary
- Catholic Women's League
- Knights of Columbus
- Food Bank
- School Music Classes
- Men's Prayer Group
- March For Life
- Couples for Christ Kids' Camp
- Line Dancing
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas Party
- Coffee and Fellowship
- Syro-Malabar (St. Jude Parish)

Others:

- Humane Vitae Workshop – 5 Wednesdays
- Song of Mary
- Civic Election
- Development & Peace fundraiser
- Spaghetti Dinner (by K of C)
- School Graduation
- Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

## **MAINTENANCE submitted by Gilbert Dupuis**

- St. Emile Parish continues to have 8 teams of volunteers for cleaning/vacuuming the church, parish centre, chapel, parish front office and four-plex apartment building on a weekly basis. Each team works once per month.
- A group of volunteers does most of the regular maintenance projects for the church, parish centre, and four-plex apartment building. (The four-plex apartment building is a separate building on the parish lot. The four suites are rented to local families.)
- For major projects and/or major renovations, estimates are presented to the St. Emile Parish Finance Committee. All major expenses must be approved by the St. Emile Parish Finance Committee.
- A list of all contractors used by the parish is available at the front office.
- Renovations at our front office are now complete.
- Kitchen facilities in the parish hall are now complete as per recommendations from Provincial Health Inspectors.

### **Work in progress:**

- Replacing carpets in the Parish Centre (hallway and classrooms) and the chapel.
- Revisiting security systems for our 3 facilities: church, chapel & rectory.
- Reviewing and obtaining quotes for the required repairs and reconfiguration of pews in the church.

### **Projects for 2019:**

- Obtain quotes for the possible addition of 1 or 2 bathrooms in the church.
- Repairs to outside brick work.
- Review the possible necessity of replacing the 4 furnaces in the Parish Centre.
- Continue monitoring the 3 air conditioners for the Parish Centre.
- Offer another Red Cross course for parishioners on the use of the AED (Defibrillator) machine and administration of CPR. (This AED machine was installed in the hallway, next to the chapel doors, to be used in case of an emergency.)

New volunteers are always welcome! Volunteer opportunities are always available! Timetables are flexible! Time commitment from 1 hour per month to 2 hours per week!

Simply drop us a note in the collection plate or leave your name with our secretary, Alexandra, in the front office.

For more information, please contact Vic at 204-233-2883 or Gilbert at 204-479-2562.

### **SAFE ENVIRONMENT submitted by Marcel Matte**

*The responsibility of this committee is to ensure that the Diocesan policy regarding a Safe and Respectful Church Environment is enforced with all employees and volunteers involved in service to children, youth, and other vulnerable persons.*

### **Accomplishments**

- The list of individuals working with children or vulnerable persons has been updated and sent to the archdiocese.
- A number of individuals had their criminal records checks pending so a follow-up is required to ensure that they have fulfilled this requirement.
- A file letter has been prepared and given to Fr. Gerry to be distributed to all new candidates. This letter explains the process and attempts to ensure that new volunteers are able to fulfill the requirements as efficiently as possible.

### **Future Plans**

- An inspection of our facilities will soon be conducted by the chairperson(s) of Maintenance Committee, the chair of Safe Environment Committee, and the Principal of St. Emile School to ensure that we are meeting all requirements for safety in the building.

*Note: all persons working with children and/or vulnerable persons must complete a police check online at <https://policeinformationcheck.winnipeg.ca/> and a Child Abuse Registry Check (forms obtained from parish office).*

## **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES submitted by Victor McQueen**

### **The Purpose**

*To ensure that social/fundraising events taking place in the community of St. Emile are planned and organized in collaboration with the parishioners, PPC, and the Administration/Finance Committee, and in a manner that is representative of the rich diversity of our parish.*

### **Description**

The committee is made up of 3 members:

Victor McQueen  
Iris Tymofichuk  
Joseph Nnadi

In representing the diversity of St. Emile Parish, we reach out to involve parishioners in planning, organizing and volunteering social/fundraising and other events in the parish.

### **Accomplishments**

- Planned and organized the 2018 Christmas Potluck Party of December 16, 2018, with the help and participation of the diverse groups of St. Emile Community.

### **Future Plans**

- Continue to reach out to our parish with invitations to participate fully in the activities.
- Consider/discuss ideas for future activities that celebrate our diversity and common love of our faith.

## **LITURGICAL MINISTRY submitted by Zorina Marzan Chang**

### **Members**

Fr. Gerry Sembrano  
Zorina Marzan Chang – Chairperson  
Godwin Nwabuko – Co-chair  
Nora Kalaw – Liturgical Ministry Scheduler (5:00 pm & 11:00 am Masses)  
Shirley Gillespie – Liturgical and Hosting Ministry Scheduler and special mass scheduler

*The Liturgical Ministry is comprised of parishioners who have been called to serve God's people as Lectors and/or Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. The Ministry strives to strengthen, enrich, and nurture a positive culture of ministers who are engaging as Lectors or Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, in order to enhance the experience of the people of God as they come together to pray, to reflect, to learn, and to celebrate.*

We have a total of 62 ministers (Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist combined).

### **Ongoing projects**

- Articulate the role and responsibilities of the ministries (twice a year).
- Create a schedule of Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers (every 2 months).
- Provide educational and training opportunities (formal orientation twice a year, individual as needed).
- Promote theological reflection, learning, and appreciation of the liturgy.
- Convene gatherings and develop networks amongst the ministers (twice a year).
- Increase membership by recruiting parishioners for service opportunities that draw upon their interest and gifts (ongoing and actively twice per year).
- Inform ministers about the work of the Committee.
- Invite and encourage ministers to participate in the Committee.
- Work alongside other committees of the PPC.
- Report to the PPC
- Evaluate and engage in strategic planning and visioning related to involved ministries (annually).

### **Activities**

- Scheduling for the 3 mass times (Saturday at 5:00 pm, Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am) done by 2 members
- Making available resources:
  - 6 Lector Workbook annually to be shared by all the Lectors.
  - Revised Lector and Eucharistic Ministers' Guide (developed in 2013) with updates from Orientation Session offered annually. Last updated September 2018.
- Formal orientation done in 2 sessions (offered Saturday, September 15 and Thursday, September 27) Total attendance: 38 (7 new ministers) – held with Meet & Greet.
- Revision of Guides and planning of Orientation with Deacon Stepan Bilynskyy and Fr. Gerry Sembrano. Fr. Gerry facilitated the orientation sessions. Changes in practice to acknowledge the presence of Deacon Stepan during mass and also in having the Book of Gospel were implemented in October 2018.
- Blessing of Lectors and commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist during the first weekend in October by Fr. Gerry.
- Theological Learning Opportunities encouraged including:
  - Western Conference of Liturgy on October 26 & 27, 2018 “Train the Trainer”
  - Christian Life Program Series offered by Couples for Christ.
- Work closely with:
  - Youth Ministry who serve a Lectors every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month;
  - Music Ministry in response to their relocation to the Parish Loft;
  - Liturgical Hosting Ministry in creating Hosting Ministers' Guide document and facilitate orientation.
- Membership in the PPC.
- Addition of updated Orientation Guides for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers on the St. Emile website.
- Annual reporting for the St. Emile Parish Annual General Meeting.

### **Proposed Projects / Action Plan** *(plan to commence April 2019)*



- Standing active membership drive at least twice per year. Active membership drive will occur during the Spring (after Easter) and Fall (October or November).
- Continue with ongoing membership drive by having a standing invitation to the Liturgical Ministry placed in the parish bulletin, published every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.
- Formal Orientation at least twice per year to occur after Easter and in the Fall.
- Maintain “Meet & Greet” opportunities for all Ministers and volunteers.
- Provide at least one opportunity for Ministers to engage in a collective activity that will promote theological reflection, learning, and appreciation of the liturgy (by June 2019). Continue to explore workshop offerings.
- Solicit committee membership for each Ministry (Lectors and/or Eucharistic Ministers at bi-annual “Meet & Greet / Orientation Sessions”) – ongoing.
- Generate an active committee membership to identify needs of the ministry such as subcommittees-education, membership, communication, scheduling, and mentoring (ie. Succession Planning).

### **Communication**

- Ongoing through emails, as need arises.

### **LITURGICAL HOSTING MINISTRY submitted by Vic & Nancy St. Hilaire**

*This ministry strives to invite parishioners to take an active part in the celebration of the Mass by serving as Greeters, Collectors, and Presenters of the Offertory Gifts.*

### **Accomplishments**

- In answer to the growing need for this ministry, Nancy & Vic met in the Fall with Zorina Chang, Chairperson of the Liturgical Ministry, and Paulette Dupuis, PPC Chairperson, to review and formulate Guidelines pertaining specifically to Greeters, Collectors, and Presenters of Offertory Gifts.
- Two Orientation Sessions were held with the volunteers at which time the new Guidelines were presented. A question & answer period followed.
- Research has been done on the possibility of purchasing new, more user-friendly nametags for the Greeters. Discussions are ongoing and a decision is pending.
- All parishioners and families are invited to become members of this Ministry, and are invited through the bulletin, or on a personal basis.
- Greeters are being encouraged to invite and direct late-comers to be seated (especially at 11:00 am Mass) to avoid congestion at the entrance of the church.
- This Ministry is represented at our PPC meetings.
- Very special THANK YOU to Shirley Gillespie who is very efficient at scheduling for our Ministry.

### **Future plans**

- In consultation with Fr. Gerry and Zorina, the date for the scheduled Spring Orientation will be decided upon.
- Co-chairs will decide the possibility of inviting one or two more parishioners to sit on this Ministry as part of the decision-making group.
- Continue to include information and invitation to the Liturgical Hosting Ministry in the bulletin.

- Continue to consult with Fr. Gerry on regular intervals as to particular needs/wants concerning the Ministry.
- Since many parishioners serve on both the Liturgical Ministry and the Liturgical Hosting Ministry, we wish to continue close communication with the Chairperson of Liturgy Ministry.

**SACRISTY MINISTRY submitted by Tina Eruja**

Members of the ministry

Asuncion Telaquen	Nora Kalaw	Myrna Mah
Nelly Trinidad	Apollo Kalaw	
Christy Nnadi	Pablito Lacebal	
Tina Eruja	Evelyn Lacebal	

*The Sacristan arranges the liturgical books, the vestments, and other items that are necessary for the celebration of Mass.*

**Functions**

Many of the Sacristan’s duties are related to taking care of the Sacristy and the sacred items in the Sacristy.

All linens used in the Mass are cleaned according to strict requirements.

The Sacristan usually arrives about 30 minutes before Mass begins. He or she makes sure the priest has the required collections for the altar. These include the chalice, cruets, linens, oils, crosses, candles, and celebration bells.

The Sacristan ensures all lamps and candles have sufficient light to last for the entire Mass.

At the priest’s discretion, the Sacristan may also be responsible for ensuring that there are sufficient fresh hosts and the proper amount of duly authorized wine for the communion procession.

Once Mass has ended, the alter cloths are cleaned, as is the altar itself.

**Activities**

I officially took over the running of the ministry in October 2018, which includes both the church and the chapel, and it has thus far been undergoing transformation with the support of members mentioned above.

- The chapel has since undergone a smoother coordination in terms of lectors, servers and prayer leaders with the introduction of a weekly schedule.
- Mass is more organized with less movements and interference by attendees. This couldn’t have been possible without the help of Fr. Gerry.
- Ensuring that the church and chapel are ready for Mass on a daily and weekly basis.
- Changing of linens for the different liturgical season as when deemed for a change.
- Washing and ironing vestments, purificators, and corporal towels.

- Cleaning of the chapel and church is done weekly by scheduled volunteers, whilst the inside of the Sacristy is cleaned by members of the sacristy ministry.

### **Work in progress**

- It is still an ongoing task to get the Sacristy to where it's supposed to be and I really want to thank members for understanding our work schedule whenever they are called upon.
- Recruitment of new members has started with the insertion of information in the church bulletin.
- With new members, a schedule will be put in place for Masses at Knights' Villa, River Park Garden, Lions Manor, and funeral services.
- Still awaiting training by our pastor on all other areas of my assignment and I pray by the next AGM we will have more to report.

### **MUSIC MINISTRY submitted by Adaeze Nwabuko and Meycee Kalaw**

#### Introduction

*The Music Ministry is a group of parishioners who come together to share their time and music talent through singing and playing instruments to ensure the sequence of the Masses flow seamlessly. All elements of the mass including the music form a complete and organic harmony, clearly expressive of the unity of the body of Christ (The Church). The Music Ministry fosters devotion by leading the congregation in Hymns, praise and worship further illustrating the beauty of the Mass and the holiness of the mysteries being celebrated.*

#### Music Ministry Committee Members:

- Pastor - Fr. Gerry Sembrano
- Music Ministry Chairperson –Meycee Kalaw
- Music Ministry Co-Chair – Adaeze Nwabuko
- Adaeze Nwabuko – 9 a.m. Sunday Mass Music Leader
- Corinne Brockman – 11 a.m. Sunday Mass Music Leader (until 2019-Mar-03)
- Meycee Kalaw – 11 a.m. Sunday Mass Music Leader (starting 2019-Mar-04)
- Meycee Kalaw – Monthly 5 p.m. Saturday Mass Leader
- King's Chorus (Dannie Chiu) – Weekly 5 p.m. Saturday mass

#### Music Ministry Committee Members:

- Approximately 35 (excluding King's Chorus, includes occasional volunteers)

### **Accomplishments**

- Maintained the Choir's presence in all Masses (Saturday 5p.m., Sunday 9a.m. and 11a.m. Masses) and other functions/events in the parish.
  - Actively participated in the 2018 Holy Week and Easter Celebrations.
  - Actively participated in the Marian Week Concert.
  - Actively participated in the Parish Christmas Party/Potluck.
  - Actively participated in the Christmas Masses.
- Select all songs and prepare PowerPoint slides for all the Masses.
- Continue to acquire and utilize different musical equipment and instruments to harmonize songs during the Masses.

- Purchase of new equipment (surround microphones, speakers, etc.) with the help of Richard Cornwell and Al O'Toole.
- Constant weekly practice to improve the Music Ministry in the Church.
- Successfully transitioned to using PowerPoint slides during all Masses and eliminating the Breaking Bread books from the pews.
- Successfully transitioned to the use of the music copyright (ONE LICENSE) and reporting of all music used weekly from the copyright.

### **Ongoing Projects/Activities**

- Liaise with all choir leads to ensure all requirements (equipment, music, musicians, etc.) are met, and choristers are available for all Masses. Taking log of chorister's availability to ensure a good representation for all Masses.
- Improving music and choir practices with a clear understanding of the meaning/lessons and expectation from the readings for the Mass.
- Continue to select music, schedule and plan rehearsals ahead of time to ensure good flow during all Masses, special feasts and events.
- Liaise with the Parish Priest to ensure music and volunteers are provided for all parish activities as needed.
- Liaising with the Parish Priest, PowerPoint volunteers and the Liturgical Ministry to ensure that the Mass Liturgies (Psalms, Acclamation, Consecration, Communion, etc.) flow seamlessly during Mass.
- Prepare PowerPoint presentations and ensure volunteers are present in all Masses to operate the PowerPoint (during Mass).
- Encouraging growth in the music ministry singers and musicians through:
  - Membership drive in from the pulpit.
  - Continuous advertisement in the weekly bulletin.
  - Schedule music concerts and performances at least once a year (for example the Marian Week Concert, Father's Act, etc.).
  - One-on-One canvassing for members.
- Continue to build/update our music library in order to make a spreadsheet or database so that we can pick special music and pictures for slides easily.
- Keep record of all the special music we sing for sustaining and promoting a vibrant choir.
- Schedule periodic meetings with the Parish Priest to evaluate the music ministry and understand the pastor's heart and vision for the ministry.
- Attend PPC Meetings and update the Parish/Parishioners on all Music Ministry activities.

### **Proposed Projects Plans:**

- Continue to build up our music library for continued effectiveness and efficiency.
- Increase active membership drive and orientation for new members.
- Continuous auditing and evaluation of our music equipment (improvement, adjustment or additions as needed).
- Liaise with Fr. Gerry to organize a day retreat, workshop/seminar for music ministry members.
- Liaise with Fr. Gerry and Liturgical Ministry to establish a technical crew sub-committee for the projector.

- Aim to build a graded choir program so the youth/younger students may strive for membership.
- Liaise with Fr. Gerry to prepare a written philosophy of music for the parish (to build, provide support and direction of our music ministry).

With sincere gratitude, we thank Mr. Arturo Galupe, Ms. Corinne Brockman and Mrs. Caridad Rino for all their support to the Music Ministry over the years may God guide them in their new endeavors.

### **TECHNICAL SUPPORT submitted by Paul-Émile Crevier**

*This sub-committee of the Music Ministry supports the Music Ministry with necessary technology, organization, and scheduling of volunteers.*

#### **Members**

- PowerPoint volunteers (PowerPoint creators and PowerPoint operators)
- Richard Cornwell and Al O'Toole will continue their support with the sound equipment.

#### **Plans**

- Chairperson will be responsible for organizing and scheduling PowerPoint operators for the different masses.
- Chairperson will be looking into making some improvements with regards to the laptop at the front of the church.
- Chairperson (or representative) will maintain communication with the PPC and will be in contact with the Administrative/Finance Committee for any budgetary needs.
- Chairperson will see to the necessary training of volunteers.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION submitted by Fr. Gerry Sembrano**

#### **Catechism Classes**

- The Lucas Family of the Couples for Christ have volunteered to teach Catechism this year and also to train Catechists for next year. We now have 4 classes for children which meet regularly on Sundays from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. They begin the class with the praying of a decade of the Holy Rosary.
- An All Saints Party was held in November 2018 in the Parish Hall with games and prizes for the children.
- The children and parents also participated at the Parish Christmas Party.
- The Catechism classes require that the students begin their program by attending the Couples for Christ Kids' Camp.

#### **Sacramental Preparation**

- Marcel Matte is preparing young candidates for Confirmation. Classes are once a month. Attendance at the Kids' Camp is required.
- Ginette Marion is preparing children for First Communion. Parents or guardians are asked to attend the classes. Attendance at the Kids' Camp is required.

- Fr. Gerry has prepared the children for First Reconciliation. Attendance at the Kids' Camp is required.
- Fr. Gerry, together with Manuel Badajos of St. Emile School, has also led the preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion for the children of St. Emile School.

**COMMUNION TO THE SICK & SHUT-INS MINISTRY submitted by Geraldine Wilkinson**

*This ministry is based on identifying, providing and meeting the needs of the sick, shut-ins and the lonely of our parish. Our goal is to bring love and a little extra joy into their lives by sharing our faith and actions.*

**Members of the ministry**

Gilbert Dupuis	Paul Van Leeuwen
Laura Dacquay	Christine Nnadi
Fred Fillion	Sylvester Oyamienlen
Eva Haddad	Geraldine Wilkinson

**Accomplishments**

- Visit private homes and Meadowood Nursing Home on Sunday afternoons to pray, socialize and distribute communion to parishioners who are unable to attend Mass on a regular basis due to health reasons.
- At present, we serve 5 people in their homes. The team visits 4 on Sundays and I bring a host to a neighbor in the apartment block where I live on Saturdays.
- At present, we also serve 11 people at Meadowood Nursing Home.

**Ongoing projects**

- Train new members to the ministry, ensuring that they know and follow the protocol and the needs for confidentiality and safeguards to be taken.

**YOUTH MINISTRY submitted by Sylvester Oyamienlen**

*Mission: St. Emile Parish Youth Ministry is committed to forming intentional disciples of Christ through various ways, including evangelization, local community efforts/outreach, and through fellowship and faith-serving.*

*Vision: To provide a place for fellowship, guidance, and faith formation for the young people of our parish. A place where each one can feel that they belong and are welcome; where each person has a place to discover and use their individual gifts, learning to use them in the context of the church, for the greater good and the glory of God.*

**Accomplishments**

- Youth Ministered Mass took place on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month at the 11:00 am Mass, organized by Ebosetale Oyamienlen, Anisha, Alisha, Ayo, Funmi, and her other mates, with me at the background.

- Youth are being approached and the willingness to take up activity is high.
- We have had several meetings with Youth For Christ (YFC) initiated by the PPC chairperson with Fr. Gerry in attendance. These meetings have been useful, and communication is ongoing.
- We are currently discussion with YFC and they have come to participate in the youth mass with the aim of us working together.

### **Proposed Projects**

- Invite parishioners to join at Youth Leaders.
- Create a database for the Youth Ministry.
- Youth cleaning of the church every specified Sunday.
- Create a Youth Corner at Coffee and Fellowship event after the 11:00 am Mass on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.
- Make every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month a complete youth mass.
- Participate/nominate more youth for Archdiocesan youth programs.
- Activate the proposal by YFC to organize youth camps.
- Increase parental participation in our youth programs.
- Encourage more youth to join the ministry.

### **Challenges**

- I am now alone in the Youth Ministry and would need volunteers to join me.

### **FAITH & SPIRITUAL GROWTH MINISTRY submitted by Bonnie Cornwell, Adrienne Sul and Donna O'Toole**

*This ministry seeks to reach out to parishioners wherever they may be in their spiritual journey, to offer varied forms of informative gatherings where they may encounter Christ more fully. We pray that by our endeavours, there will be a greater openness to the works of the Holy Spirit and a renewed desire to discover "the Word" leading to healing and wholeness. This ministry works hand-in-hand with Couples for Christ liaison.*

### **Accomplishments**

- Continued, when possible, to meet for prayer, interceding for the good of the parish and its ministries, and seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We have extended an invitation to all who might wish to join us.
- Lenten Scripture Study – distributed the Novena to the Holy Spirit a few weeks before Pentecost. It continues to be well received.
- Reminded parishioners, by way of bulletin and website, of upcoming Novenas
- Posted events of spiritual interest happening in other churches in our bulletin.
- Distributed, by email, a Prayer of Surrender to coincide with Marian Feasts.
- Took part in the pre-Advent prayer evening/blessing of the nativity scenes.
- Held Advent Scripture Studies.
- Stayed in contact with the newly formed Men's Prayer Group, who meet regularly in our parish to grow and share in their faith walk.
- Communicated, in the bulletin, our desire for more participation, and gave encouragement to parishioners regarding growth in spiritual life.
- Displayed posters inviting all to attend interesting, prayer-filled events.

- Supported our pastor in his endeavours.

### **At this time we**

- Offer a Lenten Scripture Study and a time of prayer on Thursday evenings.
- Support the Prayer of the Way of the Cross, which was a fruit of this ministry following Arise.

### **We aim to**

- Add new members to our ministry who will bring with them gifts and zeal for the Holy Spirit.
- Become more active in offering personal prayer for those who might request it.
- Follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.
- Continue to communicate and collaborate with Couples for Christ.
- Prepare well ahead for next year's "Eve of Advent"

*This ministry is in existence because of the hard work and dedication of those who have come before us and on the generosity of many other parishioners in other ministries. We are grateful to all and especially to Fr. Gerry for his blessed leadership.*

## **HOSPITALITY MINISTRY submitted by Christy Nnadi & Nancy St. Hilaire**

### **Members**

Josephine Adegbola	Richard, Peggylyn Malo & family
Vangie Cordova	Chinyere Njeze
Bimpe Dada & family	Christy Nnadi - chairperson
Paulette Dupuis	Bob O'Toole
Tina Eruja	Sylvester, Elizabeth Oyamienlen & family
Sharon Gregoire	Maritoni Pakinggan-Ilas
Joan Hutlet	Nancy St. Hilaire – co-chair
Myrna Mah	

### **Purpose**

- To present opportunities for meaningful interaction between parishioners, newcomers and visitors to become better acquainted.
- To welcome newcomers and visitors to the parish and help them find friends and support groups in the parish community.
- To build confidence and a sense of belonging in parishioners, newcomers and visitors by encouraging them to get involved in parish activities.

### **Activities**

- "Coffee and Fellowship" is organized on the last Sunday of every month after the 9:00 am Mass, except July, August and December.
- Posters were put up in the church 2 weeks in advance to try and reach as many parishioners as possible.
- Invitation is extended by Fr. Gerry at the end of Mass.
- Hospitality Ministry provides coffee, tea and juice at the Parish Lenten Retreats and during the blessing of Nativity scenes.



- Hospitality Ministry has embarked on an outreach program to new parishioners, to those who are celebrating a marriage or baptism, to the sick, or the bereaved. This consists of sending a St. Emile Parish greeting card with prayers and goodwill messages from the St. Emile Parish Family.
- Membership of the Hospitality Ministry continues to grow and change.
- Communication with ministry members through email and meetings whenever necessary.
- Ministry responds with assistance whenever a special need is expressed at various occasions (ie. Nathanaël Open Door).
- Potential members are regularly invited to be a part of the ministry through personal contact.

### **FOOD BANK / FUNERALS submitted by Rollande Flockton**

- The St. Emile Parish Food Bank provides service from the Parish Centre and operates in association with Winnipeg Harvest.
- It is open every 2 weeks on Tuesdays from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm and has 18 volunteers who provide service.
- Approximately 60-85 families are served.
- Food items are provided by Winnipeg Harvest and donations from parishioners.
- Additional food supplies are purchased with donated monies.
- Requests for donations and volunteers are published in the church bulletin.
- Food bank dates are published in the church bulletin.
- Approximately 225 people received Christmas hampers, which included turkeys, chickens, toys and candy for children

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS submitted by Don Petsche, Grand Knight**

*The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. It was founded by Fr. Michael J. McGivney in New Haven, Connecticut in 1880. Today, there are over 1.9 million members in 17 countries making up 15,900 councils.*

- Our St. Emile Knights of Columbus council #8221 now has 115 members. The majority are St. Emile parishioners who meet on every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at St. Emile Parish.
- The Knights of Columbus' main goal is to support our pastor and parish, Family Life, Community and Life.
- We do this through participating our leading in a variety of church programs, community programs, youth programs, and council program.
- Our Knights are involved in parish activities such as Hospitality Sundays, Annual Parish Supper, choir, ushers, Eucharistic ministers, lectors, maintenance programs, renovations projects, finance, and members of the PPC.
- Our Knights lead or participate in the "5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary" program and "Pro-life" programs.
- Our youth activities include: Basketball Free Throw, "Keep Christ in Christmas" coloring contest, Track & Field awards, and pancake breakfasts.

- We continue to be involved in the Knights program – “Building the Domestic Church”.
- Three members of our council, along with our pastor, sit on the Board of Directors of Chalet Louis Riel Inc., a low-income housing project.
- One of our members is a Supreme Director with our international Knights of Columbus organization.
- St. Emile Knights volunteer at the Festival du Voyageur annual festivities.
- Several knights volunteer in the “Keep Christ in Christmas Parade”.
- Our knights actively raise funds for our identified charities through the Grey Cup Raffle ticket sales.

St. Emile Knights of Columbus continue to be the driving force in our parish through volunteering over 4,000 hours and raising over \$10,000.00 for its charities.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE submitted by Gladys Talaga & Margaret Kustra**

*The Catholic Women’s League of Canada is a national organization rooted in gospel values calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God.*

- St. Emile Catholic Women’s League (CWL) is a small group of 14 members. Although the group may not be very visible, members participate in numerous activities.
- Members are involved in various committees such as the Pastoral Parish Council (PPC), St. Boniface Diocesan CWL, and the National CWL.
- Members volunteer in the parish office and are Eucharistic ministers and lectors.
- This past summer the National CWL Convention was held in Winnipeg and members volunteered during the convention, as well as attended it.
- Members attended Catholica 200 and other celebrations held at St. Boniface Cathedral.
- Workshops and conventions organized by the Diocesan and Provincial CWL councils are attended by members.
- As a group, we support the Fellowship of the Least Coin and the Catholic Foundation.
- Funds are raised for the Marian Hour by selling angel ornaments before Christmas.
- Meetings are held once a month with some exceptions (no summer meetings).
- Meetings begin with Mass followed by an opening prayer. An introduction to Taizé prayer was presented at one of the meetings.
- New members are needed and are welcome to join the council. With many more hands, much more can be accomplished.

May our Lady of Good Council, the CWL patroness, watch over you.

## **LEGION OF MARY submitted by Liberty Bulalhog**

*The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active cooperation in Mary's and the Church's work and the spread of devotion to Mary primarily by encouraging the recitation of the rosary that Mary requested at Fatima.*

### **Accomplishments**

- 11 active members make up the Legion of Mary
- Members meet every Tuesday at 1:00 pm in the Parish Centre.
- Active members visited regularly sick in homes, hospitals, nursing homes and private homes, and gave Holy Communion and prayed over them.
- 2 members are regularly visiting Victoria and St. Boniface Hospitals distributing Holy Communion to the Roman Catholic patients.
- Distributed religious articles, such as rosaries, rosary guides, and medallions, in hospitals, nursing homes, private homes and the 28 First Communicants in 2018.
- Cleaned and vacuumed the chapel twice per month.
- Changed the altar cloth in the church and the chapel during Advent, Ordinary Times, Lent and other occasions.
- Washed and ironed purificators and corporals.
- Assisted at funeral services and baptisms.
- Helped in the liturgical preparation at River Park Garden, Knights' Villa and Meadowood once a month.
- 4 members volunteer at the Food Bank once every two weeks.
- Helped in the set-up and clean-up after the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses.
- Joined the Visita Iglesias with Fr. Gerry during Lent in March 2018.
- Hosted the concert "Song of Mary" and exhibit of statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary in September 2018.

### **On-going projects**

- Bringing the pilgrim statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Enthronement of Sacred Heart of Jesus to family homes and spreading devotion to the family rosary.

### **Future plans**

- To have an auxiliary rally in the Parish Centre to meet our prayer members who do not attend the meetings but attend other functions of the Legion.
- Increase membership (active & auxiliary) by recruiting parishioners to join the Legion of Mary.

## **SYRO-MALABAR submitted by Fr. Tomy Chittinapilly**

### **Regular Qurbana (Holy Mass, Syro-Malabar Catholic Rite in Malayalam Language)**

- Weekday's Holy Qurbana is offered on Tuesday and Fridays at 7:00 pm starting with Holy Rosary.
- Every first Friday of the month, Holy Qurbana is offered starting with one-hour worship and adoration of the Holy Eucharist.
- Sunday Holy Qurbana is offered on every Sunday at 5 pm starting with Holy Rosary at 4:30 pm.

- First Sunday of the Month is celebrated as Youth Holy Qurbana and Liturgy is led by the youth team of the parish.
- First Sunday of the Month – after Holy Qurbana special blessing is offered to all the parish members who are celebrating their birthdays in that month.
- Second Sunday of the Month – after holy Qurbana special blessing is offered to all the couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversary in that month.
- Third Sunday of the month is celebrated as Kids Holy Qurbana in English and liturgy is led by the Catechism kids and teachers of the parish.

### **Catechism Ministry**

- A special blessing for young kids starting education (ages 3-5) “Ezhuthinirthu Ceremony” (*writing for first time in the church after a blessing by a priest*) by Rev. Father Martin from Toronto on June 10, 2018.
- St. Jude Syro-Malabar Parish resumed its Catechism classes on September 15 (catechism Sunday) for the 2018-19 academic year, for Parish kids from Grade 1 – Grade 12
- The year started off with 52 kids joining the catechism school for the new academic year, 12 full-time teachers and 3 part-time teachers.
- St. Jude Catechism Ministry organized Faith-Fest for all catechism students on Sunday October 14, 2018. The theme of the faith-fest workshop was “Holy Qurbana”. Kids had a day long fun-filled sessions with different speakers on varied faith-based topics.
- The first PTA meeting for Catechism was held on Sept 23, 2018 (held three times a year).
- Grade 4<sup>th</sup> class went for an exposure tour to Siloam Mission.

### **Family Prayer Units : Events and Celebrations**

- Parish families of St. Jude Syro-Malabar Parish are part of Four Family Prayer units which constitutes the St. Jude parish members:
  - St. Stephen Family Prayer Unit.
  - St. Alphonsa Family Prayer Unit
  - St. Mary’s Family Prayer Unit
  - St. Thomas Family Prayer Unit
- All four Prayer units of St. Jude parish organized Christmas carol singing after the Christmas Midnight Qurbana.
- All four Prayer units organized annual Christmas gathering with “Secret Santa Gift Exchange” with respective prayer unit families during Christmas
- All four groups visited parish members’ homes to sing Christmas carols and spread the good news of Lord Jesus’ birth.
- All prayer units came together for 10 days to hold Holy Rosary at different families in October 2018 to celebrate month of October as Holy Rosary Month.
- Each family prayer unit elected and sent 3 Parish council members to the St. Jude parish council.
- All Family Prayer Units meet at least once every month at one of the Parish member house to hold a prayer meeting and fellowship time.
- All four Family Prayer Units celebrated annual celebration day to (usually in summer time) to hold a gathering time with prayer and Holy Qurbana along with fun events for kids and unit members.

- Most Rev. Bishop Mar Jose Kalluvilil visited St. Jude Parish during the week of March 10, 2019. During this time Bishop attended the monthly prayer meetings of all four prayer units to meet the prayer unit families.

### **Jesus Youth Ministry**

- In June 2018, Jesus Youth team held a spiritual outreach program at Sandy Bay and Fort Alexander First Nation Communities, where the team organized a youth workshop on spiritual growth and social activism.
- Jesus Youth team organized their First Annual Garage Sale at St. Emile Church Parking Lot on April 18 between 12pm to 3pm; profits went toward the expenses of the Youth Retreat.
- JYs helped out Mother Theresa soup kitchen on every Monday.
- JY youth meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday for a prayer gathering.
- Once in a month they gather at Blessed Vassal Shrine for an intercession prayer time.
- Once every month, JYs organize a Recollection Day.
- Every day, they offer Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 pm “online”.

### **St. Jude Parish Youth Ministry**

- St. Jude Winnipeg Parish youth members successfully organized a fundraiser by having a Bake Sale on Sunday August 19, 2018, to help support the relief work of Kerala flood victims.
- Every first Friday of the month, parish youth team holds a “Meet and Greet” session for all the youth members to discuss upcoming activities and welcome new youth students/members joining the parish.
- Parish youth held a special Christmas fellowship event.
- Summer barbeque for parish youth team was held at Christ the King rectory.
- Special Lent season message sharing session was held with Most Rev. Bishop Mar Jose Kalluvilil, with a Qurbana offered for the intentions of parish youth team.

### **Annual Patron Saint Feasts (Holy Qurbana, Procession and Agape)**

- St. Jude Feast – Parish Patron Saint feast (titular feast) was celebrated on Oct 28, 2018
- St. Thomas Prayer Unit Patron Saint feast was celebrated on July 8, 2018.
- St. Alphonsa Prayer Unit Patron Saint feast was celebrated on July 22, 2018.
- St Mary Prayer Unit Feast was celebrated on September 9, 2018.
- St. Stephen Prayer Unit Feast was celebrated on December 31, 2018.

St. Jude Parish has elected its new trustees and PC council members who started their ministry work on March 10, 2019.

### **Lent Season**

- Way of the Cross at home is held during the Family Prayer Unit gatherings.
- Solemn Way of the Cross is held at church before Sunday evening Holy Qurbana.
- St Jude Parish members join St. Emile Parish every Friday evening during the Lent Season to take part in the Way of the cross.

### **Knights of Columbus**

- Many St. Jude Parish members have expressed their interest to join the Knights of Columbus group under the guidance of St. Emile Knights of Columbus chapter; some of them have already registered and completed first, second and third degree respectively.

### **Mathrudeepthi Ministry** (form of CWL ministry)

- “Mathrudeepthi” ministry team celebrated 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima – as “Our Lady of Fatima” statue arrived in Winnipeg, in September 2018.
- “Mathrudeepthi” ministry team, led the prayer and adoration of the statue in various homes during the visit.

### **Spiritual Renewal Programs**

- Annual Family retreat was held by St. Jude Parish on October 19, 20 and 21, 2018, at St. Emile School Gym starting at St Emile Church on October 19 evening. More than 150 people attended the day long retreat over the two days. Queen Mary Ministry retreat team from US and India, led the prayer and worship during the retreat.
- Night Vigil and Worship session was held on last week of July 2018, special blessing for the students who are starting back school after vacation.
- Night Vigil and Worship session is held during Lent and Advent Season, along with confessions.

### **COUPLES FOR CHRIST** submitted by Lilibeth Cruz

*Mission: We are Couples for Christ (CFC). We are committed to live in God's righteousness and holiness, evangelizing people through a life of love and service. We shall work for the renewal of families that will serve God and build generations of Christian leaders. We shall pursue Total Christian Liberation through social justice, respect for life, and work with the poor.*

*Vision: Moved by the Holy Spirit, one with the Catholic Church, blessed to witness to Christ's love and service, Couples for Christ is a united global community of family evangelizers that sets the world on fire with the fullness of God's transforming love.*

### **Accomplishments**

- Conducted the first Christian Life Program (CLP) in Fall 2018. It is the entry point for those who wish to join CFC or any of its Family Ministries, except the Youth For Christ (YFC) and the Kids For Christ (KFC).
  - Those who completed the CLP were three couples who joined CFC, one sister who joined Handmaids of the Lord (HOLD) and one sister who joined the Singles for Christ (SFC).
- Conducted Two Kids Day Camps, the entry point for KFC
  - Forty-six kids completed the KFC camp held last October 2018. Sixteen kids completed it in January 2019
- CFC helped start the catechism program of St. Emile Parish
- CFC is fully represented with the St. Emile Parish Pastoral Council

### **Proposed Activities**

- Hold the first Praise and Worship Assembly together with St. Emile parishioners on March 23.
- Conduct a new Christian Life Program (CLP) in Fall 2019
- In partnership with St. Emile's Youth Ministry, conduct a Youth Camp together with CFC-Youth Ministry in Spring 2019
- Conduct a regular monthly General Assembly for Kids for Christ starting April 2019

### **Challenges**

- How to encourage more parishioners to join the Christian Life Program or children of parishioners to join kids and youth camps
- How CFC and its Family Ministries can be more involved in other activities or ministries of the parish

### **ST. EMILE SCHOOL *submitted by Darren Witzany***

- St. Emile School currently has a very healthy enrollment of 319 students – the highest in known history. Enrollment may drop slightly this coming year because we may not have room for a 2<sup>nd</sup> Kindergarten class at this time.
- St. Emile School is profoundly thankful for the support and assistance of the parish in offering us the use of the boardroom as classroom space during this past year, while we encountered delays in getting the 2<sup>nd</sup> portable classroom permitted. In recognition of that support, the school is seeking to compensate the parish for costs incurred as a direct result of the increased traffic and activity in and around the parish centre.
- The renovation and expansion of St. Emile School is expected to move forward based upon a scaled-down project that will be more modest than the 3-stage project contemplated years ago. At this time, we have hired consulting engineers to present various options to the school for a more modest expansion of classroom space, accompanied by some renovations and upgrades of the current buildings.