

Evangelization Committee Update for Parish Council 06/18/2016

NightFever is coming to St. Mary's on June 29

- Church will be open after the fireworks from 10:30 – 12:00
- People walking by are invited to come in and light a candle and say a prayer
- This type of event started in Germany in 2005 and has spread around the world
- See the bulletin for an explanation and a YouTube link with testimonies
- It is a beautiful, powerful experience
- People come in who haven't been inside a church in years
- This is sponsored by the AOD
- We have requested 15 churches in the vicariate and nearby in Shelby and Troy to advertise in their bulletin
- THIS IS A BIG DEAL! Please come with your family, and let your neighbors know!

There will also be a booth at the fireworks that night –

- Manned by St. Mary's EvC committee members and St. Paul Street Evangelization volunteers as well
- Parishioners are invited to volunteer for either event (the booth or the Nightfever event in the church) ---- see Mark Joyce or Beth Belesky if interested

We have started discussion about forming a sister relationship with St. Charles Lawanga parish in Detroit:

- We would like to invite their parish to attend our parish picnic in August
- We may provide them with a gift of evangelization materials (Dynamic Catholic books, Gus Lloyd "Minute in the Church" books, and pamphlets) for their use or for their parishioners to give to friends
 - o Susie has to follow up with Father Parker for guidance on this proposal

We have proposed dates for ChristLife in the fall - we are going to try to coordinate the schedule with St. Irenaeus again

- SMOTH has evening sessions, and St. Irenaeus has a morning session,
- We would do a combined retreat day after week 5 – worked out great doing that last spring

We are continuing to contact new parishioners with a follow-up call when we receive the monthly list from Laura Corrion (Beth usually does that)

We will be ordering some new materials for the parish library

Dialogue Gathering Sessions are complete-

- We got small attendance (PC and commissions on Saturday May 21, 20 people the following week, and no one came to the June 12 session after 11:00 mass)
- Susie Phillips (our parish scribe) will compile the results and send them to the AOD by June 30