

Evangelization Committee

Location: St Mary of the Hills, East Overflow Room

Attendance: George Phillips, Susie Phillips, Deb Valot, Clem Valot, Beth Belesky,
Mark Joyce, Jim Ghormley, Theresa Ghormley, Jay Fedewa

Date: Feb. 15, 2017 7:00 – 9:00 PM

1. Opening Prayer (George)

2. New Business: (George and All)

a. 10 Parish-Altering Hospitality Practice (All)

- i. This list and training was put together by the AOD Evangelization Office. Each committee/commission is asked to discuss and pick one to concentrate on. This will be a discussion item at the February Commission and Parish Council meetings, and then further discussion at the March Parish Council meeting. The Evangelization Committee discussed # 2, 5, 6 and 7.

<i>1. A Continually Prayerful Commitment to Hospitality</i>	
<i>2. Core Behaviors</i>	The Ghormley's have had experience with running a weekly Lenten program for a handful of other couples in their home, similar to a Bible study. The program not only had the immediate benefit of the content, but also helped form close friendships among the couples. There was a potluck dinner, and the prayer time, and homework. It was a great growth experience.
<i>3. A Warm Welcome</i>	
<i>4. Environment</i>	
<i>5. Information Center</i>	Go back to having the Welcome Center staffed with someone before every mass.
<i>6. Friendly Staff Presence</i>	There could be more discussion about having staff presence available before/after masses on the weekend.
<i>7. Prayer Partner Ministry</i>	This would be a good segue into the prayer team ministry. People would have a chance to get used to the idea of praying for each other in a formal way. Some members have had the experience of initiating a conversation with someone whom they see at mass every week, but do not talk with, and find that there is an important prayer need there. Many people have issues on their heart that would benefit from sharing and prayer.

	Secondly, there is discussion underway with the Worship Commission and experienced prayer team leaders to start having prayer teams available on a regular basis after mass. (See #3 “Project Updates” below.)
<i>8. Ministers of the Mass</i>	
<i>9. Great Worship Aids</i>	
<i>10. Post Mass: A Warm Goodbye</i>	

3. Project Updates:

Number	Title	Leaders	Status
1	2016-17 EvC Budget use	All	Please send remaining budget needs: (Following Christ, Sharing Christ, Library, SPSE, Booth rental at Fireworks, Nightfever materials).
2	ChristLife/ Following Christ Retreat on February 25	Clem and Deb and All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clem has tweaked last year’s agenda to end at 3:50 PM so people can attend 4:00 mass. This should be doable with a smaller group. • Deb will try to call the FC participants to get a total of who will attend. • Deb has checked into using the St. Joseph room and hallway and chapel instead of HFRS. It would also be an advantage to the marriage seminar participants to have Eucharistic Adoration available in the chapel. • Deb is planning for the food and coffee. • Hugh can help with the music and worship as he has been.
3	St. Paul Street Evangelization	Mark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark has contacted Chris Gawal about June 28, 2017 Nightfever during Rochester Hills fireworks. It is on the Nightfever calendar. • Booth at fireworks (Jay and Mark). We should be able to get volunteers to staff the booth from the SPSE members. • We discussed having as SPSE table at coffee-and – doughnuts, to both evangelize parishioners, and make them aware of the SPSE program. The goal is to do this on this on a meet-and-greet Sunday when Parish

			<p>Council members are available to help with set up. Next meet-and-greet is March 12.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPSE training will be taking place on April 8 at St. Collette's in Livonia. Mark will put notice in the bulletin. SEE LINK TO REGISTER FOR TRAINING BELOW THIS TABLE. • Mark is planning on forming a Facebook group for the Rochester Chapter of SPSE.
4	Contacting New Parishioners	Beth, Karen, Deb, Mark	Ongoing. This is important. Newcomer dinners have not been held for two years. Re-instituting the newcomer dinners will be brought up for discussion at Parish Council.
5	Vocations Committee	George, Jay, Susie	Vocations is part of Education according to the AOD. Doing something (event, communication, or otherwise) will be on the agenda for Feb. 18 Education commission meeting. We don't necessarily need to target the college age group, but perhaps should speak to the middle-aged person. We need to leverage the AOD's resources.
6	Library	George and All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We discussed a plan for better location and usage, maybe the East Overflow. Manresa and Christ the Redeemer and other parishes have attractive libraries. • We need to create a purchase list for Spring 2017. • Susie will write a bulletin article to call attention to the books and DVDs that are available. • We should look into a Formed.org subscription. St. Andrews might have feedback on how popular it was. Should look for a pamphlet or advertisement so people can understand Formed.
7	Best Lent Ever	Beth and All	Beth ordered Dynamic Catholic materials; Deb wrote bulletin article. Susie made Powerpoint slide and sent to Music ministry, Narthex, website and bulletin coordinators. Deb sent link to Meghan Schuler to add to Social Media. We will ask Father Stan and Dan if we can show the Matthew Kelly 1 minute video after mass. Deb will copy the business-card size handouts for after mass.
8	EvC representatives to the Commissions	Susie and All	GOAL: 2 per commission. Current list: Christian Service – Karen Education - Susie Fellowship – Jay & Denise Stewardship – Clem & Mark Worship – Beth and Hugh <i>(Carol Birch said she would join where needed.)</i>
	Prayer Teams	Beth	Beth put together a prayer team proposal that we will review. There are a lot of things to be considered: from finding prayer team members with the gift for this

			ministry to where, when, and how to start up this ministry. We would have to advertise and explain. The goal is to think through the details now and not tweak as we go along. It was noted that this would be an opportunity for some intimate prayer, which people not only want, but need. More discussion next month. It is too soon to try to roll this out for Lent.
	Weekly Evangelization Bulletin Column	Jim and Theresa	Susie will present a one-pager for the group to review before giving it to Father Stan. Jim and Theresa would be willing to coordinate the bulletin articles and advertising for the Evangelization Committee needs and events.
9	Electronic Sign proposal	George and Susie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status update: need funding. The sign could be something that people get behind and would be willing to donate for. Can we ask the Knights of Columbus or other groups to help with the fund raising? • Create a “missed opportunities” list with events we could have advertised and bring up again at Parish Council. (Susie) • Offer unused budget.

Link to register for St. Paul Street Evangelization Training, April 8:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScOcmymbecCvy5ileEdnlR0vfTBtkXjJR2YSJyazEkVXIixRA/viewform>

4. Closing Prayer (Beth)

SMOTH Evangelization Committee Meetings	SMOTH Parish Council Meetings	Parish Council Prayer Leader for the Parish Council Meeting
Mar. 15, EOF	Mar. 18	Youth
Apr. 19, EOF	Apr. 22	Christian Service
May. 17, EOF	May. 20	Staff
Jun. 14, EOF	Jun. 17	Finance