

# PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

## Tuesday, March 1, 2016

Due to the bad weather on Tuesday evening the Parish Pastoral Council Meeting was cancelled. Below are reports and discussion that occurred between Father David Lewis and the Parish Pastoral Council Chair.

### **BUSINESS**

Parish Website – The target date to have the new ideas and new information on the website is Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. More bulletins are now accessible, not just the current one and current events are on the event page. Pages are being added for the C.W.L., Knights of Columbus, Parish Council, St. Teresa’s School, Ministries, Monthly calendar and improved the Publications and Website links. Also added information on giving weekly offerings electronically has been added. We would like to give it a week after the updates are completed to get feedback from a target group and if all is well, promote the improved website in the Mass announcements the following weekend (March 12/13) and in the bulletin.

St. Teresa Syrian Sponsorship Ministry - Our Ministry goal was to screen the lead team of 10 volunteers by the end of February. The next round of screening is for all those volunteers who will be working most closely with the family. Donna is preparing the paperwork. The application is ready to go pending Father Dave’s signatures. Marianne Kraemer will be sending the application. We must then wait and be patient. There is a backlog of applications waiting, so we anticipate that it may be well into April or later before we are matched up with a family. We are on target with regard to timing. Some of the committees have already met to begin preliminary planning work and the real excitement will begin once we have been given a family and timelines to meet. Up to date information and progress reports about this ministry will be on the website.

World Youth Day - The World Youth Day Pilgrims will be leading the Stations of the Cross on March 11<sup>th</sup>. We invite everyone to join us. The World Youth Day Pilgrims will be hosting a Fundraising Breakfast at St. Teresa’s on Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. On Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> the World Youth Day Pilgrims will be hosting a Fundraising Spaghetti Supper. Watch the bulletin for more details on both of our fundraising events and mark your calendars. Thank you for your support.

Kitchen Committee Report - We have had a busy year in the hall, many repairs have been made in the kitchen: Dishwasher Control Panel, Fridge Thermostat, all instructional signs have been posted, new Cartridge in the Kitchen Taps, New Cord in Fridge Door, Grease Trap Cleaned out and Hoses in the Dishwasher to dispense soap and dry rite. We have been able to take all expenses from the slush fund we started last year. Also a special thanks to the Catholic Women’s League for steam cleaning the chairs for the hall.

### Dates to note:

Garage Sale–Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Trees 4 Woolwich Church Challenge – Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Mother’s Day Tea – Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Garden Party – Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>  
 Vacation Bible School – July 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>

Holy Week/Easter Mass Times:

Holy Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> – 8 p.m.

Good Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> – 11 a.m.

Easter Vigil, March 26<sup>th</sup> – 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> – 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Year of Mercy Youth Rally – The Diocese of Hamilton Youth Ministry Office, along with The Catholic Youth Organization is sponsoring a Year of Mercy Youth Rally for Grades 7 to 12 on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at CYO Camp Brébeuf, Rockwood from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Registration is \$15 per participant. If you would like more information please contact the Parish Office at StTeresaofAvila.Elmira@rogers.com or call 519-669-3387. There is a bus that is going from St. Louis Parish, Waterloo.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE REPORT**...submitted by M. J. Yaeger

- During Lent we have been hosting Stations of the Cross at Chateau Gardens at 3:15 p.m. on Wednesday. They have been well attended by the residents and their families as well as some of our members.
- We will be playing Bingo following our next meeting on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Our Garage Sale will be held April 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Watch the bulletin for more information.
- We are also in the process of planning our Funeral Planning Session for April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. All parishioners are invited to this session to help them arrange their funerals with literature available. Grace Maher from Dreisinger's Funeral Home will also be available to discuss what must be done before and after the funeral of a loved one or yourself from the funeral home perspective.
- Please mark your calendars for our Mother's Day Tea on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and our June Potluck on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS REPORT**...submitted by Ray Denomme

- The annual Charities Raffle tickets are now in. Please contact Matt Griffin at info@novaura.ca to sell tickets on Fridays and Saturdays during March at the Woolwich Memorial Centre
- I wish to thank the parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Church for coming out and supporting the Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry on March 4, 2016. A special thank you must go to all the volunteers who made this possible.
- On Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, the Knights of Columbus are doing the Stations of the Cross at St. Teresa of Avila Church starting at 6:45 p.m. Please come out and support this tradition.
- The Annual Maple Syrup Festival is coming on Saturday, April 2, 2016. Please volunteer your time again at our biggest fundraiser. Please contact Rick Weishar at rilech@cyg.net to book a time.
- The next General Meeting is on March 17, 2016 at St. Teresa of Avila library at 8:00 p.m.