

Fr. Tim mentioned that we are being used as a Template for other merging parishes to follow.

Lori McGinnen, ACID representative has a power-point presentation on the Hispanic Pastoral Plan for the next meeting. Fr. David informed everyone that we have a new Hispanic bishop in Detroit. Msgr. Daniel Flores will be ordained on Nov. 29th.

Sandy included an article from The Macomb Daily, dated Sunday, October 22, 2006, stating that Cardinal Mooney High School was named No. 1 in the Macomb Daily's "Vote Your Favorite High School". Runners-up were also listed.

All Saints Parish is hosting a "Fall Into Faith and Fellowship" worship and dinner on Sunday, November 19, 2006 from 4pm-8 pm @\$7.00 per person. All the youth, 6th through 12th grades are invited.

Next meeting January 17th at All Saints in Memphis at 7 pm.

- 4. STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION: Fr. Tim reported on the Stewardship Commission in the absence of Bob Goldenbogen. St. Catherine has a parking lot that has been sold. There are 8 doors that need replacing in the church at a cost of \$30,000. Budget was submitted. Holy Cross church and rectory roofs will be replaced in mid-December with Capital Campaign money. Midge Fannon commented that she thought money for maintenance work is not being used effectively. She is doing the flowers around the church. They need to spray for spiders. She feels maintenance employee cannot do all of the work required. Fr. Tim stated he will check the job description, but feels that care of the flowers is not in the job description. Fr. stated that a request was made previously to have a company come in and spray for spiders. This will be looked into.**

- 5. CHRISTIAN SERVICE: Mary Endres reported that the Giving Tree will be up by November 18. Proceeds will go to MediLodge, Abused Mothers and Children, Homeless Men, and Runaway Teens. Right to Life Lifesaver Sunday has collected \$558.00. 825 Christmas cards for prisoners have been turned in so far (no banana based cards will be accepted by the prison). Mary hopes Holy Cross will pay for the poinsettias for the homebound again this year. These plants have been bought from Haskill's Nursery. Barbara Susan and Mary Endres are sending out "Thinking of You" cards for the homebound. Postage is paid for by the parish.**

Midge Fannon, St. Mark's Christian Service Commission rep. reported that Lynn Decker donated close to \$1,000 worth of religious items and articles to a seminary in Nigeria per Father Collins. She also donated 100 new golf shirts for the seminarians there. Lynn asked Mike Rector if St. Mark Christian Service funds could be used to pay for the shipping cost. Mike agreed and the cost came to \$245.10 to get the shipment to Nigeria within a week. Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets will be distributed to the homebound (6).

Sr. Janet gave the following report:

- Blood Drives Sept. 17 at Holy Cross – November 19 at St. Catherine
- Clustered Health Committee- Jan. 27 Stress Reduction at St. Catherine 1-4 pm.
- Mar. 24 Health Fair for Parents of Young Children 9:00-Noon at Holy Cross
- Social Justice Speaker from Office of Catholic Social Teaching-Mike Hovey, Nov. 16, 7-9 pm.
- Barbara Susan & Gretchen Forrester attend Vicariate Meetings for Holy Cross. Reps needed from each site of Cluster. Intro on Cath. Soc. Teaching, plus tips to form our Cluster committee.
- Widows, Widowers, Singles 50 and up. Waiting for calls to rsvp interest.
- Hospitality to New Parishioners Committee-May function 2 or 3 times or develop into sub-committees. Bobbi Ivan from Holy Cross with helpers. Need members from St. Catherine and St. Mark.
- Sr. Janet is attending a special meeting on how to attract volunteers Nov. 15 at Sacred Heart Seminary. Room for a couple of passengers. She will be returning to St Catherine for 1 pm Scripture Study.

6. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Judy Beauvais asked if there were any questions regarding the mailed Quarterly Financial Report (July through September, 2006). She also handed out reports to St. Catherine's and St. Mark's. The Holy Cross Harvest Dinner profit was \$6,270.48 (The 2005 profit was \$5,536.33, a difference of \$734.15.) Any further questions on the Financial Report may be answered by calling Judy at the Rectory.

7. **PASTOR'S REPORT:** Fr. Tim presented all of the ballots submitted by parishioners for our new parish name. After reading all of the reasons for choosing each name and eliminating any names not canonically correct, (i.e. not a Saint's name or not Mary's or Christ's name in some form), all parish council members prayerfully meditated on the "All Are Welcome" prayer before choosing 8 out of 20 names which had received the most votes. Then, three names out of the 8 were voted on.

The three names will be listed in the November 19 and November 26, 2006 bulletin. This will give parishioners time to prepare for the final vote on the

weekend of December 2 & 3, 2006 at all of the Masses. Parishioners will bring their ballots up to the altar, after prayerfully choosing one name out of the three choices (Adults only). Whatever name receives the most votes will be the choice of the people. The No. 1 choice will be submitted to the Archdiocese for approval in January. Discussion took place over whether we should mention our second and third choice, which can be done. It will again be mentioned to parishioners of each church that we are not losing our individual church name, just obtaining a new parish name designating our boundaries.

8. OLD BUSINESS: None at this time, except our vote on the new parish name.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Our next meeting will be our Christmas Party at Holy Cross Rectory at 6:30 P.M. A sheet was passed around to sign up for side dishes, or d'hoevres, or desserts. The parish will supply refreshments and main dish. Spouses are also invited.
- b. Barbara Susan asked for parish council member's e-mail addresses to be published on the parish web site. Names of members will also be published in the bulletin from time to time to give parishioners an opportunity to know who we are in case they have a question or suggestion. All our encouraged to be positive about the new changes.
- c. We will be working on merging our parish budgets this year.
- d. We will count the votes for our parish name on December 3rd at St. Catherine's Rectory at 1:30 p.m. (Representatives from our merged parish council will be present with Fr. Tim for counting the votes.)

10. ADJOURNMENT: Mary Endres read the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
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Parish Council Secretary