



St. Peter Catholic Church Parish

Synod Update #8

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Evangelization Committee

When the Synod began with listening sessions a few years ago, the biggest concern voiced by those in attendance was that our Catholic churches were not very warm, welcoming or friendly. This was not a criticism of any particular church parish, but an observation made of our Catholic churches in general. This gave rise to the first priority of the Synod to “Form Welcoming Communities”. In order to help foster warm, welcoming and friendly environments in our churches, the Archbishop has asked all parishes to form a group of “Ministers of Hospitality” (aka “greeters”). At St. Peter’s in Reserve we began this ministry on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. Our biggest challenge is that we do not have enough people who have signed up to be greeters. Since we are once again asking for volunteers, we would like to clearly state what we are asking greeters to do. Here is our vision:

- Our greeters are covering the side doors – St. Mary’s Chapel (West Side) and St. Peter’s Chapel (East Side). Fr. John and Deacon Richard are covering the front doors.
- Our greeters are asked to be present by their assigned doors about 20 minutes before Mass begins.
- Greeters should open the door for those coming to Mass, and welcome them with a friendly smile and an appropriate greeting.
- Two greeters per door would be great. Husband and wife teams, or parent and child teams are welcome.
- Greeters do not have to distribute bulletins or other materials except on special occasions. They are to focus only on hospitality.
- Greeters move to their seats as the opening song begins. They are not asked to do anything during communion or after Mass.
- During extremely cold or hot weather, or in case of rain, greeters will move just inside of the doors.

We would like to have enough greeters not to schedule any given greeter more than once or twice a month. You are asked to prayerfully consider helping us by becoming a greeter. Please contact Wendy Ilski at 985-628-0888 or wendilski@aol.com if you can help. Thanks to those who are already serving as greeters.

The Evangelization Committee will once again organize the Family Picnic in September. The date is TBA. Watch for more information this summer.

Social Justice Committee

The Social Justice Committee would like to thank all of the parishioners that have been donating food items for those in need. The food box located in the front of the church has been filling up every 2 weeks. The collection in both St. Peter’s Church and St. Hubert’s Church has done so well we have decided not to have a dedicated food drive this spring. We are counting on the continued support of the parishioners to donate needed items for the June deliver. As of this date we are anticipating delivering food baskets and

food vouchers for perishable items on June 11. Your generosity has enabled us to deliver nearly 90 food baskets throughout the year.

The Social Justice Committee is continuing to meet with the Archdiocese leaders to develop other programs for Social Justice in our parish. Look for these in the near future.

Family Life Committee

Deacon Richard and Diane Abbondante have welcomed Kirby and Paula Maurin and Nolan and Mary Alice Landeche to their committee. Thanks to both couples for saying “yes” to God’s call.

The Dynamic Catholic Bible Study – “Turning Point – on the Gospel of John” is ongoing on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Lacour Center.

Deacon Richard and Diane and Deacon Maurice and his wife Andee led the “Married Stations of the Cross” at St. Joan of Arc this past Lent. Each year this service is rotated to different churches.

Formed.org has been renewed for our Parish. There are many programs offered to all of us on this site free of charge. The code is Q32QV2. Please take a few minutes to check out this site and the wealth of information it provides.

Vocations Committee

Sign up for the Traveling Vocations Crucifix started on Palm Sunday. The schedule goes through Palm Sunday 2020. Please sign up if you have not yet done so. Those who would like to sign up a second time are also welcome to do so.

Our Confirmation students recently had an Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament that incorporated Vocation Awareness.

Community Outreach

We are about half way through the Synod implementation process. Much has been accomplished, but there is still much more to do. Thanks to everyone who has helped us in any way along this path. We are always in need of more people to help. If you wish to serve in any way just contact any of the ministry leaders listed below. All of them welcome more help.

Please remember to keep the success of our Parish Synod in your daily prayers. The process of implementation is very slow, and dependent on volunteers to accomplish its work. We are in constant need of the Holy Spirit for strength and guidance.

Do not overlook your personal responsibility to evangelize. Invite someone you know to come to church. It might be someone who has been away for a long time, or someone who has recently drifted away from practicing our faith. It might even be someone who has never been to church. All of us know at least one person in one of these groups. Research shows that people respond best to an invitation when it is given by someone personally. People encounter Jesus when others witness to them with joy! Show your joy – your love for our faith.

Thank you for being a part of St. Peter Catholic Community.

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