

ST. DOMINIC'S LEADERSHIP REPORT



On November 8, 2009, St. Dominic's held its monthly Leadership Night. The following is a brief summary of each commission's meeting and its goals.

Administration

The Administration Commission had a productive meeting this month. A new St. Dominic's logo was approved by the staff, Pastoral Council, and pastor during the month of October; the new logo will be gradually implemented over the course of the next six months. The Administration Commission will begin the search for a graphic designer to develop the new logo into a style guide with accompanying collateral. Gardening has continued to attract new participants and will be looking to refine the landscaping along the Steiner Street facade in the next month. The parish's financial outlook continues to improve as the new fiscal year progresses. We continue to pursue greater participation from parishioners in the AutoCheck program. Finally, our commission welcomed a new member, Michelle Lagos, at our meeting this month.

Community Life

Having added a couple of new commission members this year, we decided to review the mission and objectives for our Commission and drafted the following mission statement: "Offer opportunities to come together in Christ to build a stronger engaged community that fosters friendships." To achieve this we will welcome new parishioners, host parish events, and form small-group communities. Our next big event is the **Parish Advent Party**, to be held **on Thursday, December 17, after the 5:30 p.m. Mass**. For those interested in volunteering to help put it on (decoration, food, hosting, greeting, etc) please contact Lorraine Guzman at lorraine_guzman@hotmail.com.

Formation

There was no Formation report for November.

Outreach

We welcomed Evelyn Kartawidjaya. Social Justice is still planning to have an evening discussion and story sharing around health care. We would like attention drawn to Jail Ministry, please stay tuned for more information in the bulletin. Please contact Deacon Chuck for more information. We all like the new logo. The bake sale was a big success making over \$2,400. Thanksgiving baskets will be going out to 300 families on November 24. If the students of the Megan Furth Academy bring in 1,000 cans total, Sister Anne will throw them an ice cream party! The Giving Tree will be set up the week before Thanksgiving, and the Parish Advent Party is scheduled on December 17, so please bring gifts by then. We are scheduling a social meet & mingle or speed conversations for sometime at the end of January/beginning of February. Stay tuned for details.

Spiritual & Liturgical Life

The Spiritual and Liturgical Life Commission will turn its attention to developing and promoting a series of programs and activities meant to encourage the evolution of contemplative practices at St. Dominic's. Some programs already exist, e.g., a Christian Meditation group meets every Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. in the Siena Room. We will work on the creation of new opportunities that offer you more quiet time with God. If you are interested in joining our Commission, one of several that make up St. Dominic's Leadership Group, please contact Beth Main at beth@fogcitygirl.com to inquire.

Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council approved the new logo for the Parish presented by the Administration Commission and thanked the designer for the fine work; a style guide for its use will be published shortly. The Council approved plans for training and certification in CPR, first aid, and AED (use of the defibrillator) for ushers and interested parishioners. Planning for the Parish Advent Party is underway; it will be December 17. The Council received commission status updates on the four focal points for this year's activity: welcome, opportunities for contemplative practice, storytelling, and Adult Faith Formation.