

**St. Catherine of Genoa
Stewardship Commission Meeting
August 18, 2009**

Those present included Fr. Tim Seigel, Jill Hansen, Jason Flesher, Linda Dolder, Julie Carlson, Wendy Engles and Donna Letterer. Beth Gehringer joined later in the meeting.

Father opened with a prayer.

We discussed the article "Go and Make Disciples: A National Plan and Strategy for Catholic Evangelization in the U.S."

Diocesan Stewardship – Our total pledges to date are \$37,900.

International Catholic Stewardship Council (ICSC) Total Parish Stewardship Award

Our parish won this award and will receive it at the ICSC conference in Dallas, Texas on October 11, 2009. Jill and Beth will be attending to accept the award on behalf of the parish.

Monthly Parish Tithe Recipients

We scheduled the parish tithe recipients for September, Genoa Township, and for October, DeKalb County Foundation.

Seven Steps to Financial Freedom

We will be hosting the "Seven Steps to Financial Freedom" program again this fall. An announcement will be placed in the newsletter. Would we want to try to offer an abbreviated seminar instead of the six week program? It was determined that this would be difficult to do with this type of program.

2009-2010 Goals

Jill will put together a schedule of goals to discuss throughout the year. We discussed goals that we set from last year. One of the goals we'd like to pursue this year is environmental stewardship.

2009 Parish Stewardship-Time, Talent and Treasure

We will not be having a ministry fair this year. Jill distributed a tentative calendar for this fall. Father will be out of town the weekend we tentatively planned to have the Time and Talent pledge weekend (Oct. 31/Nov. 1). We moved everything up a week and will have the pledge weekend on October 24th and 25th. The treasure pledge weekend will be held Nov. 14th and 15th. There is no change needed for the treasure pledge schedule.

Jill and Beth will give a lay witness talk on the stewardship award the parish won during the weekend of October 17th and 18th. Father will also speak about stewardship. He'll highlight a few areas of need. The ministry booklets will be distributed after mass during this weekend.

We decided to use the same materials as last year and just change the art to the diocesan materials. Jill will order the necessary materials. We'll order new signs for each of the church entrances. We'll also use the same assessment brochure to help parishioners determine their gifts and talents.

We received materials in Spanish from the diocese. By using these materials and including the Hispanic community in our stewardship Time, Talent and Treasure program we hope to get more people involved.

All Council Meeting-Evangelization

The leadership from all of the councils/commissions/committees will be gathering on September 1, 2009. The parish will be studying the bishop's letter on evangelization. All groups will be incorporating the goals from the bishop's letter into the goals for each group during the year. Bob Pfundstein from the diocese will be presenting a workshop on how we can set goals as a parish. After this meeting we'll put together our calendar and include discussions on how we'll incorporate the evangelization goals into our goals for stewardship for this year.

St. Mary's-Aurora

We would like to organize a hat, mitten and glove drive again this fall. Do we have any other ideas to help out St. Mary's? A used coat drive was mentioned as a possibility.

Father closed with a prayer.

The next meeting is September 15, 2009.

Submitted by
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