

**St. Catherine of Genoa
Stewardship Commission Meeting
October 5, 2009**

Those present included Fr. Tim Seigel, Jill Hansen, Julie Carlson, Donna Letterer, Michael Sargeant and Beth Gehringer.

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" – Paragraphs 45-60 and the discussion questions at the end. We then discussed our individual written evangelization goals. The goals of all the groups in the parish (commissions/councils/staff) will be summarized and discussed later on.

St. Mary's Winter Drive

There have been delays in announcing and holding the winter drive because of the collections for Ashley Kim and the food pantry. Suggestion tickets will be available on October 10th and 11th. Donations will be received during masses on October 17th and 18th.

Children's Offertory to the Altar

Discussion was held about whether we wanted to pursue this during this upcoming year. This would entail children bringing up their money, pictures and/or prayers to Father during the offertory. We could do this in conjunction with Children's Liturgy of the word. How would this work logistically? Would we only have a few kids come up at the offertory? There are already ways in which children participate in mass. It was decided not to pursue this now but keep it on our list of goals for the year.

2009 Parish Stewardship-Time, Talent and Treasure

Beth and Jill will give the lay witness talk for time and talent on October 17th and 18th. They'll be sharing with the parish the stewardship award we won and their own stewardship stories. The talk should be between 6-8 minutes long. It's recommended that Beth and Jill review the info from the diocesan parish stewardship manual on preparing for a witness talk.

Father's letter introducing stewardship will be mailed out Friday, October 9th. The diocesan flyer on stewardship and Father's stewardship prayer will also be included. Father will mention stewardship in the homily during mass on October 10th and 11th. The ministry booklets and self assessment guides will be distributed on October 17th and 18th after the homily and lay witness talk. Jill will coordinate with the ushers about this process at each mass.

The pledge weekend will be held October 24th and 25th. The pledge card is almost complete. We'd like to highlight areas on the card where there is the greatest need for help. New stewardship signs for each entrance have been ordered. Stewardship petitions have been given to Jenny Eide and stewardship music has been given to Laura Schaefer. Father's stewardship prayer will be on the bulletin cover during the stewardship renewal season. A thank you letter will be sent from Father after the pledge weekend that will include info about the ministry leaders that will also be contacting them.

Father and Jill weren't able to meet with leaders of the Hispanic community last week about last minute details of the pledge process. They did get Father's letter translated and will be handing them out at mass this weekend. They were able to get someone to give a lay witness talk at the Spanish mass.

The treasure letter will be sent out October 30th or 31st. We need two more people to give treasure lay witness talks during mass on November 7th and 8th. We do have Wayne Walter lined up for one mass.

Father closed with a prayer.

The next meeting is November 12, 2009.

Submitted by
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