

**DIVINE CHILD CHURCH
CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, March 13, 2017**

OPENING PRAYER: Fr. John said opening prayer and all said an Our Father. Meeting started at 6:45 p.m.

BETH'S COMMENTS:

- Welcome to Guest Mindy Dewitt. Mindy came to speak about the new Parishioners for Priests ministry.
- Celebrated Christian Service Commission baby shower for Beth!

ATTENDEES: Beth Stawasz-Donovan, Andrea Fitzgerald, Mary Tomilo, Clarisse Andrus, Freda Bova, Connie Zavistowski, Carmen Mosquera, Elaine Heaman, Carole Zikowski, Cindy Gauvin, Mindy Dewitt, Jan Laliberte, RoseMarie Laurain, Diane Rivard, Bernadette Dzieciuch

SUBCOMMITTEE #1: Assist Local Charities/Outreach

- **Clothing Drive Update (4/1-4/2) (Jack Szpytman):** Jack is currently working on scheduling a POD. The clothing drive will be staffed by boy scouts and Men's club. Beth is making arrangements for advertising in the bulletin, parish website, and parish facebook page.
- **Blood Drive Update (4/9) (Bernadette Dzieciuch):** All Masses are staffed for sign-ups 4/1-4/2. High School students will staff the drive on 4/9.

SUBCOMMITTEE #2: Care of the Sick & Elderly

- **Nursing Home Ministry (Freda Bova):** All is going very well.
- **Bereavement Cards (Jan Laliberte):** Cards are up to date
- **Homebound Parishioners (Mary Tomilo):** Currently taking to 5 shut-ins. 1 New and 1 passed away.

SUBCOMMITTEE #3: Life Issues (Cindy Gauvin)

- **Right to Life Baby Shower (3/4-3/5, 3/11-3/12):** Baby shower collected less than usual: 9 packs of baby wipes, 160 diapers, 20 pull ups, 8 cartons of Similac formula, 6 individual containers of Similac, 7 rolls of toilet paper, 1 car seat base, 17 pacifiers, 14 spoons, 2 sippy cups, 2 thermometers, 1 bottle brush, 1 small size shampoo/lotion, 1 large baby shampoo, 1 Mickey Mouse doll & blanket, 2 stroller toys, 12 burp cloths, 45 wash cloths, 5 4pc bath sets, 6 hooded towels, 17 sleepers, 8 sleep sacs, 4 onesies, 32 outfits, 8 tops, 4 receiving blankets, 2 bassinet sheets, 1 bib, 1 pack n' play and \$205 in cash.
- **Prayer Protest at Northside Abortion Clinic (3/11):** Approximately 30 people, including parishioners and high school students, attended to pray for an end to abortion.
- **Mother's Day Flower Sale (5/13-5/14):** DCHS Right to Life Club will be selling seedlings again after all Masses.

- **Parishioners For Priests Ministry:** Mindy Dewitt introduced her ministry “Parishioners for Priests”. This ministry encourages prayer for priests and offers 6 different ways to encourage our priests. Mindy and her husband put together prayer cards to pass out on Palm Sunday. The goal is for every parishioner in church to leave with a card. A sign-up sheet was passed around to sign up for Masses to pass out cards. Fr. John mentioned that the idea for this ministry stemmed from a document that he shared regarding Spiritual Maternity. This document also expressed the importance of specific prayer in front of the Sacrament. To achieve that, the Parishioners for Priests ministry will schedule a prayer hour once a month in the adoration chapel.

SUBCOMMITTEE #4: Men’s Club (Jack Szpytman)

- No update other than working on Clothing drive.

PARISH COUNCIL: No update

New Business:

- **Prison Ministry Info Night (5/16) (Beth Stawasz-Donovan):** Deacon Jim Ward is coming to the parish to present on the importance of this ministry and the opportunities to serve. Tentatively scheduled for 5/16/17.
- **2017/2018 Calendar:** Dates due 4/30/17.

Beth closed the meeting at 7:15pm; Fr. John said a prayer from Mother Theresa.

Next Meeting: Our next Christian Service Meeting will be on Monday, April 10, 2017 at 6:30pm in the Elementary School MPR.

**Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Fitzgerald**