Evangelization Committee Report – 03/2018

Women’s Outreach:

The first part of the Walking with Purpose Bible study completed. This will continue again in April.

Men’s Outreach:

We are working towards the establishment of a subcommittee for this outreach to help determine and support the activities and programs we will use.

Parish Retreats:

Planning continues with the retreat talks scheduled for Lent, Easter and Pentecost. We have been having weekly conference calls with Father Cover to continue planning. Inserts have been placed in the bulletin, emailed and placed on the website with 3 spiritual quotes and reflection questions as well as an article on Missionary Discipleship provided by a parishioner. This is to help parishioners in the Lenten journey as well as to prepare for the Lenten retreat.

The theme of the retreat is *Living as Missionary Disciples of Christ in the 21st Century*. Each retreat will be 90 minutes and offered on 3 separate occasions for Lent, Easter and Pentecost. The talks will be appropriate for those 16 years of age and older. We will also be sending out weekly messages to reflect on and maintain continuity between retreats. Our goal is to engage each person in *100 Days of Spiritual Formation, Transformation, and Proclamation* as we work towards understanding missionary discipleship, being transformed in God’s love and empowered to share the Good News with others.

The schedule is:

Lenten Retreat Schedule: What Do You Want? What Does God Want?

* Saturday, March 10th 5:00 PM Mass, 6:00 PM dinner, 6:45 PM start retreat
* Sunday March 11th 4:00 PM Evening Prayer, 4:30 PM start retreat
* Tuesday March 13th 10:00 AM, 7:00 PM start retreat

Easter Retreat Schedule: Jesus is Risen. So, what now?

* Saturday, April 21st 5:00 PM Mass, 6:00 PM dinner, 6:45 PM start retreat
* Sunday April 22nd (time to be determined)
* Tuesday April 24th (time to be determined)

Pentecost Retreat Schedule: Empowered by the Spirit to Share Christ’s love with Others.

* Saturday, May 19th 5:00 PM Mass, 6:00 PM dinner, 6:45 PM start retreat
* Sunday May 20th (time to be determined)
* Tuesday May 22nd (time to be determined)

Each member of the Evangelization Committee has written an article or paragraph on what being a missionary disciple means to them. We are seeking this from others in leadership, those who serve and other engaged parishioners. Our goal is to publish these or snippets of them in the bulletin and other mediums. It would be desirable for each member of the Pastoral Council to also contribute in this effort since we are focusing on this.

Survey Results:

The survey results were published in the March 4th bulletin. They are also below:

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| **#** | **Score** | **Question** |
| 1 | 4.455 | Overall, I am satisfied as a member of St. Michael Church |
| 2 | 4.620 | The staff is friendly and helpful |
| 3 | 4.320 | I receive information I need regarding church projects and decisions |
| 4 | 4.330 | I believe our church programs and projects are being driven by the mission of evangelization (bringing the gospel to others) |
| 5 | 4.150 | I have a good understanding of the mission and vision of St. Michael Church |
| 6 | 4.180 | St. Michael Church meets the spiritual needs of my marriage and family and all its’ parishioners |
| 7 | 4.445 | The Word of the Lord and the Gospel are being explained in the homilies with challenge and relevant application |
| 8 | 4.340 | The music helps me worship in a more prayerful way |
| 9 | 4.260 | I understand the process of becoming a church volunteer |
| 10 | 3.970 | I feel like I am part of a team helping to fulfill the mission of St. Michael Church |
| 11 | 4.440 | St. Michael church is welcoming to visitors and new church members |
| 12 | 4.280 | I am provided opportunities for spiritual growth and leadership |
| 13 | 4.060 | Religious education is supporting parents and providing the resources they need to form our children’s faith |
| 14 | N/A | Comments. These have been compiled and are being evaluated and given to the appropriate committees to discern and prayerfully consider ways to improve our church experience, most importantly helping each other come into a closer relationship with our Savior Jesus Christ |