Evangelization Committee Report – 11/01/2019

**Women’s Outreach:**

*Walking With Purpose* continues on Thursdays at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm.

The Opening Your Heart series is being held for woman who didn’t get to participate last year.

The Keeping in Balance is the current program most are enrolled in.

*Walking With Purpose* is holding their Annual Conference “Discovering the Key to Happiness” March 13-15th, 2020 in Cambridge, MD.

**Men’s Outreach:**

The men’s outreach is called “Man Alive” continues with Catholicism 101 with Word on Fire. This is held Wednesday and Saturday Mornings.

**Rebuilt:**

This effort is focused on discerning and recommending ways St. Michael can continue maturing as the Body of Christ in living out the Mission given to her by Christ.

The team has been discussing the Parish Mission Statement.

**Welcoming Team:**

The process for welcoming new parishioners is being finalized and welcome bags developed.

The Welcome Contact Team is Theresa Anderson and Noelle Burke.

Connection Cards are in the pews and announcements are made introducing them.

**Parish Success Group:**

Parish Success Group is now engaging with phase II and organizational structure.

**Evangelization Tools:**

The parish continues its parish subscription of FORMED.ORG and has established a subscription with Bishop Barron’s Word on Fire Engage through the Flocknote App.

**Advent:**

The team participated in the Advent theme discussion which is: ***Dispel the Darkness – Welcome the Light***

Banners are being produced to support this theme as people enter and leave the church. Lay witness talks will take place during the Masses several times during Advent.

**Retreats, Bible Studies, etc.**

**Bible Study**

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible by Jeff Cavins and Sarah Christmyer continues Tuesdays at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm. This is an 8-week session Bible study to help one uncover the story woven throughout Scripture to get and understand the big picture.

**Healing Ministry**

A parish mission has been scheduled in the Fall with Fr. Greg Bramlage with Missionaries of the New Evangelization to help foster healing and spiritual renewal in the parish. It is scheduled for November 16th – 20th. All parish activities are being canceled during this event November 18th – 20th. This is now being publicized. We are looking for volunteers to support ushering, prayer ministry, etc.

<https://mnehealing.org/about-events/#AboutHealingMinistry>

**St. Michael Café:**

Tricia and Greg Buckman initiated this Sunday, September 22nd and 29th. This has continued and has been well received.

**Additional Comments:**

We are discussing marriage preparation and renewal and the possibility of forming a team to support this.

Discussions have begun about Christmas books.

Consideration for the development / continuation of the “Called and Gifted” program by parishioners as a ministry here at St. Michael.