Evangelization Committee Report – 10/01/2019

**Women’s Outreach:**

*Walking With Purpose* is now running 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 now called “Man Alive” and has had it’s first session of 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.

* Greeter Help Wanted Cards distributed at Masses last weekend in September.
* Connection Cards are ready to go. Liturgy introduced the cards for young families and parishioner welcoming.
* Lanyards for welcoming and other team members with Scripture Love One Another As I Have Loved You Jn 13:34

**Parish Success Group:**

Parish Success Group completed phase I and provided a phase II proposal which has been approved to proceed after some changes requested by the Pastoral Council.

**Evangelization Tools:**

The parish continues its parish subscription of FORMED.ORG and will be establishing a subscription with Bishop Barron’s Word on Fire.

**Retreats, Bible Studies, etc.**

**Bible Study**

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible by Jeff Cavins and Sarah Christmyer began September 24th 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.

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

**St. Michael Café:**

Tricia and Greg Buckman initiated this Sunday, September 22nd and 29th. 25 adults listened to a Fr Michael Schmitz video on Martha and Mary. It was very well received.

**St Michael Festival:**

A beautiful Mass and a well-attended Festival. 201 adult tickets and 38 3-7 year olds, plus dozens under 3. The children’s games were busy all night, many young families were present. We attracted a family from Rockville through internet presence and they had a great evening.

Al Cerrone fed over 250 in about an hour! The band *All The Brighter* was a real hit again. The cakewalk had 20 cakes and 20 happy recipients. Many thanks to all who made such a great effort including: Carolyn Pasquino, Laura Heck, Dave Boettinger, Dave and Denise Richardson, Mike Fitzpatrick, Ellyn Sharkey, Charles and Diane Lange and Zephyra and Josiah, Tom and Barb Dorsey, Tony Cochran, Mike Small, the Knights of Columbus… etc

**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.