

**Parish Pastoral Council
October 31, 2004**

In Attendance

Fr.Crowley
Deacon Bower
Judee Thomas
Sue Black
Dee Wilkinson
Eileen Casey
Richard Gillis
Mary Gallagher
David Cunningham
Betty Murphy
Fr.McNulty

- **New Bulletin**...With St.Rose of Lima officially becoming part of our Sacred Heart Family, Fr.Crowley is designing a new bulletin (Serving Our Faith Community, Middleboro & Rochester). St Rose of Lima has two employees that will continue to work at Rose of Lima Chapel. A separate checking account will be established in that name. Mass schedules will probably stay the same as long as Fr.Lanagan continues to stay on, after that, there would need to be some adjustments to Sacred Heart Mass schedules to accommodate both sites.
- **Generations of Faith**...Well received, with 386 participants. The October session being on the Saints hopefully will increase parishioner attendance at the All Saint Day Masses. Mass attendance did show an increase these past weekends, up 100 from 850 to 950, still 300 less than last year. A questionnaire is being devised to see why people are not attending Mass.
- **Article on Food Virus**...Fr Crowley was given an Article on the subject by a parishioner. Cautioning the spread of viruses. Topics were discussed suggesting washing of hands, refraining from shaking hands and receiving Precious Blood when ill. Eucharistic Ministers should pay special attention. Posting a notice at the entrances to this regard was discouraged.
- **Cell Phones**....possibly posting at the doors that all cell phones should be off during Mass.
- **St.Vincent DePaul**...Meetings to set up a Society at Sacred Heart have been well attended, with about 10 or so persons (many from Oak Point). The Society would be lay administered, Fr.Crowley would turn over the special needs account for their management which would follow the rules and practices set up by the Society.

- **Thrift Shop**....Earns \$16,000.00 for Parish this year
- **Election**....Parish Council openings will be be voted on in February, following January nominations. Two additional members will be added to have representation from St Rose of Lima, changes to the by-laws may be necessary.
- **Stewardship Conference**....Attended by Dave & MaryAnn Cunningham who felt that Sacred Heart has made great strides in Stewardship. Commitment to tithe 10% has been successfully implemented even with the drop in attendance donations have remained consistent. Talk of a Stewardship Fair was discussed.
- **Promise for Tomorrow**.....\$39,000 was received by the Parish from these pledges. The monies have been earmarked for a handicapped accessible bathroom in the church, as well as location and development for Parish Nurse. A couple of locations for the bathroom have been suggested, plans have yet to be drawn.
- **Maintenance Fund**....Approximately \$100,000 in this account, which is used to pay for handy man services, paid for new burner and painting to be done in sacristy.
- **Air-conditioning**.....Fr Crowley had received a quote of \$200,000 for the church. It was discussed that possibly a separate campaign could be established to pursue air conditioning in a couple of years (fundraising to be organized by parish, not an outside organization). Recently new ceiling fans were donated by a parishioner, with electrical work also donated.
- **Grand Annual Collection**....Very successful \$23,000 to date (usually an average of \$17,000), a second letter has been sent to parishioners that have not donated to this point.

**Next Meeting
December 12th, 12:15PM**