



## Parish Pastoral Council

### September 2013 PPC Meeting Minutes for Review/Comments

Our Parish Pastoral Council met on September 9th, 2013 at 7:00pm, in the Parish Center. Present were: Fr. Frank, Mike Rice, Justin Peters, Tom Micinski, Lena Hilko, Dave Wisneski, Kate Lynch, Tony Rivera, Bert Olson and Palo Basil joined via conference call.

Father Frank provided our opening prayer, reading the upcoming gospel of the *Prodigal Son* who was 'lost but now has been found' and relating that notion to the 'brokenness of our lives.' Father Frank called on all of us to search for peace in our brokenness.

Flowchart (3.0): The group discussed a topic which we briefly discussed before the summer hiatus; a parish-wide flowchart designed to increase communication and functionality amongst various groups within the parish. Tom Micinski presented the handout, which detailed the ministries, provided the heads along with important roles and relation to one another. It was mentioned that many surrounding parishes, such as St. Clements, St. Michaels, St. Vincent DePaul, offer a 'directory' with heads of these various ministries and their contact information; quite often, they are paid employees whereas St. Teresa's are mostly all parishioners volunteering their time, effort and resources. The goal is to establish definite roles, increase participation, align the committees/ministries and create a constant flow of communication amongst the parish. With increased communication, data management, email blasts and contact information would be easily accessible for all ministries. Our hope is to have this established before Advent.

Timeline: Those present viewed the "Ministry Team Planning Timeline" for the coming year. This timeline was created, much the same as the flowchart, to increase communication and ensure these various ministries are in unison regarding events, deadlines and operations over the course of the year. One of the key dates mentioned on the timeline was the Ministry Fair, scheduled for Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Here, all Ministries gather at the Parish Center immediately following mass, to share with the community at large, available opportunities to serve on and become involved in ministries here at St. Teresa's. Similarly, a 'Leadership Kickoff Meeting' was created and scheduled for Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> for all heads of participating ministries to join together to discuss future plans, events and goals for the upcoming year.

Next Meeting - October, 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm