

**PARISH LIFE/ACTIVITIES COMMISSION
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There are 21 ministries listed under Parish Life/Activities. They include; Alter Society; Bingos; Bulletin Inserters; Country Breakfast; Daughters of Isabella; 50 & over Club; Knights of Columbus; Men's Club; Mom's Club; Sports Leagues; Youth Group; Family Center Volunteers; Spaghetti Dinners; Ministry of Table; Fish Fry; Scrip; Work of Human Hands; and Special Events.

From an inservice that was presented by Maureen Halligan to the Pastoral Council a Welcome Committee was started up. The goals for this committee were to be a mentor to new members; help them to become more aware of the physical church; draw out their strengths and needs. The Welcome Committee developed a job description and this was distributed to church members during an ice cream social that the youth group put on. (The job description is attached to this report)

A church tour and lunch reception was held on September 23, 2007, for new members. Twenty Four new members attended. The Welcome Committee and the E-team hosted the reception after Father Andrew gave the church tour. An additional attempt to make contact with new members took place. The Welcome Committee developed a phone survey and called several new members to seek out their needs and invited them to a free Country Breakfast. This was a successful event and was received well by new members.

On November 11, 2007 a Bereavement Mass and Brunch was given to all families who had lost a loved one during the previous year. Approximately 300 people attended.

It was noted that attendance was down for the monthly Country Breakfasts, this past year. It is felt that this is due to the economy. However, it is still deemed a very successful and necessary event for gathering and socializing with one another. This ministry is always in need of additional helping hands.

In February 9th & 10th, 2008, a sign up fair was held after each of the masses for the Greeter, Usher, E.M. and Alter Server ministries, to gather new members. This was thought to be pretty successful by each ministry. They were able to obtain new and dedicated participation.

The Mom's club held a "Mom-to-Mom" sale in April 2008. It was very well attended and a great success. They will plan another one for next year.

The Bingo Ministry is running well and they continue to bring new people in attendance. However, they also need more hands to join up and help out.

On May 27th, 2008 the Welcoming Committee will join up with the E-Team to combine forces in an effort to work on a stronger approach to gathering new members into our many ministries.

There was a large effort, from the Pastoral Council to find ways to bring more people into the various ministries. Meetings were set up for Father Andrew to present the Long Range Planning Goals to each of the ministries. The meeting for the Parish Life Ministry was held on May 20th and had approximately 9 heads of their individual ministries in attendance. It is expected that they will, in turn, take this back to the people within their ministry. It is most hopeful that this will be a great motivator to get more involvement within the parish members.

This report is Respectfully Submitted By:

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