

STK EVANGELIZATION NOTES TO PARISH COUNCIL - May 2016

"...Beloved.., forgive as the Lord has forgiven you; .. let the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, and always be thankful. Whatever you do, whether in speech or in action, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus." Colossians 3: 12-17

PENTECOST CELEBRATION: The evangelization team sponsored a "welcome booth", to not only have friendly faces to greet people and answer questions, but to have materials available for free distribution. There were Bibles and New Testaments (thanks to Chris Wilke); updated "personal invitation" blue involvement cards/ Mass schedules (thanks to Carmen, Janet Mogab, and Donna Walker); hand-made rosaries (thanks to Pat Petrie); as well as welcome packets, school and FF info thanks to Jodi and Colleen. It was an opportunity to share the Good News! This also served as a "dry-run" of how the welcome centers will hopefully work at each church in the not-too-distant future, God willing!

WELCOME CENTERS: as mentioned above, these are in the final planning stages – Ryan Zegarelli (architect) is working with some furniture companies to come up with prices/ options for the welcome "desks", so they can be in place hopefully by the end of summer. Stay tuned for further developments!

NEW PARISHIONERS' ORIENTATION: Will take place on <u>June 12th at SMM at 12:15</u>. Janet Mogab is the new coordinator and will be working with Ellen Brannin, as well as volunteers to get letters out, and make phone calls to the new folks. *Please stop by and get acquainted!

BAPTISM MINISTRY: meetings between the staff and volunteers are moving forward to get a clearer process for all baptisms, as well as incorporate the ministry team into working with the baptism families from the beginning. This is such a great outreach opportunity and peer ministry, to help the new families get/ stay connected with the church!

LOOKING AHEAD: the evangelization team will be collaborating with FF to have a "Greet-Meet-Eat" event on Sunday September 18th. It will be for all faith formation families, as well as those who have joined the parish family in the last year. More info to follow

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