



Ministry Report from:
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1. What have you accomplished or worked on this month? What events or activities have you sponsored or presented? (please include numbers of participants and helpers)

40 Hours Adoration

Thurs. May 17 evening thru Sat. May 19 10 AM At SC with presider/homilist, Bishop Emeritus Matthew H. Clark

The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white Host.... Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen.

Our parish praised, honored, adored and glorified the Lamb of God, the Prince of Peace, the Saviour of the world. Just as love is impossible to put in words, experience is the only way to describe this heart-to-heart quiet time with our Lord. Then get ready for the fruits of the Spirit. As Bishop Emer. Clark prepared us in his closing homily, "Look for the fruits of the Holy Spirit in your personal lives and the life of our parish – Don't fall asleep. Stay alert."

Though Fr. Evan and I have not had time yet to assess, these few observations begin to tell the tale.

- All 40 assigned and attended by at least 2 people, at some wee hours 6 to 8 people were present.
- Steady flow of people receiving sacrament of Reconciliation at designated times.
- Young families singing, dancing and praying under watchful eyes of Faith Formation Staff.
- People adoring for one or two hours at a time and coming back multiple times.
- Devotions and Prayers of thanksgiving, petition and praise prevailed.

Thank you Holy Spirit for the great gift of God's unending love and mercy You have given our parish.

Morning Glory Groups ... To Jesus through Mary

Three Groups are currently meeting or 15+ people with anticipated consecration dates in May. Very encouraging: The Friday morning group of 7 has decided to continue meeting through June.

Living Morning Glory – Weekly session attend by 4 to 6 who are committed to living their consecration to Jesus through Mary. Powerful stuff. Stop by any Thurs. 12:30 1:30p SMM.

Compassionate Connection

This ministry is alive and well; bearing much fruit. At times, connecting on the phone can be difficult. However, when conversations happen they tender gifts. Slow but steady progress. As of April, families/friends of deceased who plan funerals at SKT are given info on the ministry and a contact info obtained. People have expressed their surprise and consolation for the concern, conversation and continued prayers.

Welcome Info Centers –

A hearty thanks to our Welcome Information Ministers for their dedication to this ministry. March activity was light but still a request to become parishioners and another about receiving envelopes was addressed. Of course, the smiling faces and inviting conversation were shared week after week. – Truly being Christ to all who entered.

2. What are the current or active plans and dreams you are currently working on or discussing?

Julia Russo and I are still faithful to spending considerable time prayerfully discerning God's will for our parish evangelization efforts. It is an on-going labor of love. Lately, the Holy Spirit has guided us to

uncover the language for this work particularly through Fr. Ralph Poyo. Slowly but carefully the Spirit is guiding all our efforts. Keep the prayers coming – they are working.

This month, Julia and I attended the Evangelization Summit held in Canada broadcast to Sacred Heart Church in Syracuse. The messages from these nationally known Catholic evangelists reaffirmed the processes and methods we are trying to implement in our parish; aka: “hearts touching hearts.” Evangelization is the work of the Holy Spirit manifested in personal encounter. The work of evangelization is built on prayer, sacrifice and fasting. Our efforts must be holistic, continuous though they may be slow to bear fruit but rich in the promises of forming intentional disciples. We made many significant connections to other Syracuse parishes who like our parish, find encouragement in each other.