

October 8, 2009

# St. Matthew Parish

Present: Denise Gadowski  
Sherri Qualmann  
Jane Januszewski  
Shelly Madden  
Kathy Smith  
MaryAnn Stark



Not Present: Renee Tezak-Unti  
Christine Whitterspoon  
MaryAnn Wilkes  
Ruth Kuick

Welcome new members Shelly, Kathy, and MaryAnn!

We will have a collection for Interfaith the weekend of November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. We will need volunteers to help us collect donations in baskets. Denise will be out of town this week.

Saturday 11/7 5:00 p.m. Sherrie & Shelly  
Sunday 11/8 7:30a.m. Ruth and Mike  
Sunday 11/8 9:30a.m. Jane and MaryAnn

MaryAnn will talk to Judy about mass announcements and put a reminder in the bulletin. Each group will place the collections from each mass into the safe. Shelly will check with Judy about the collection baskets that will be used for the collection.

The group discussed taking on a different project during the Lenten season to replace last year's Rice Bowl, because that campaign did not generate much revenue. Kathy had suggested that we look into Habitat for Humanity. Denise brought information along from the website. This is a Christian agency with a great cause. Some comments made during the discussion were the state of the economy and being able to raise enough of a monetary amount to actually sponsor the purchase of a house and if we look to work on a service project they are looking for mostly volunteers who are 17 and older. Shelly also mentioned that if we are going to have adults chaperone service activities they should be certified through the parish safe guard training taking place at St. Matthews on October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Shelly provided the group with information on World Mission Ministries and Holy Childhood Association. We all agreed that going with an agency that provides a collection container generates more interest than asking for donations and providing an envelope. We also decided that after meeting with Shelly that the parish will have quite a few service opportunities this year and it more than likely would not be real popular to add another service type project given that we seem to tap the same population for these types of activities. Web sites for the two agencies that Shelly had documentation on are below. I will also scan the documentation and send as attachments to this. Please review these websites and get back to Denise with your thoughts.

[www.archmil.org/dept/wmo](http://www.archmil.org/dept/wmo) (general office page)  
<http://www.archmil.org/sagradafamilia> (sister parish)

[www.hcakids.org](http://www.hcakids.org)

[www.youtube.com/pmsusa](http://www.youtube.com/pmsusa) (to see how dollars make a difference)

The HCA Association focuses on children helping children throughout the world. They have a Lent project that provides information for our children to prepare for Easter and learn about the way of the cross through HCA's Lent Program. The money collected is sent to HCA to use for the church's work among children in Missions.

We did not make a definite decision at this meeting. We decided to communicate through email to come to a consensus on this. Denise has agreed to send Kathy Smith her information because she does not have email.

Denise agreed to send the updated labels for the 2010 year to Darlene so that they can be printed off at the parish office. Jane has the labels and will get them to Darlene. Denise will update the letter and route through email.

We will need to meet for a stapling party. Denise will contact Darlene to find out when the calendars will be in. Once we have the date, Denise will contact the group to set up a date in December.

Our next scheduled meeting will be January 21<sup>st</sup>. Thursday at 6:30 p.m.