

Rectors Report 04/18/2024

Overview and Paternity Planning

Given most of our time will be occupied with paternity planning, I figured I would focus on that and on what's happening in areas of concern for the parish. I'm preparing for May 31st as the earliest the boy will arrive (knocking on wood very hard right now) but current suggestions from our doc are that it will be early to mid June. Given my birthday is June 12th, God has a sense of humor, and our doc brought it up as a good date for her and seriously asked Fiona about it at the last appointment this week, that's where my money is (personally).

For the state of the church at the moment, I think we're in a really good spot. We've been averaging about 108 folks per service if we don't count Easter, with the numbers consistently being over 110 since the third week of Lent. As such, I think we're in good shape and have built some good momentum for the summer which I think will be incredibly helped by the impending introduction of the parish life committee and hearthsides.

Liturgy and Bulletins

The liturgical elements will remain the same through each service, creating simplicity for printing. The only thing that will change periodically (beyond the normal adjustments that come with music and readings) will be the prayers of the people. I'm asking Marilyn Huebel to write some PoP which will be used through part of the season after Pentecost and I have Joan Radovich to do the same, with the hope being we introduce a new, parishioner written PoP every 4-6 weeks. I have contacted the diocese in a few ways and am waiting to hear back concerning supply.

Programming and events

Jenn Urso and I have met, the parish life committee is underway and we've already been discussing the parish picnic. With this support along with the introduction of hearthsides, we should be pretty good-to-go for summer events.

Pastoral Care

I have devised a list of folks for a pastoral care team (beware Julie Dulski, your name is on the list >:D) with Mary Kay Tobin being the no-brainer for this. I will confirm with Bob Wyatt that he is available for any pastoral care conversations that are needed.

In the event that a death occurs in the congregation or any such event, PLEASE I WANT to be contacted. Also if anyone elopes, please send me the got gossip.

Wiggle Worship

I have a long list of folks who I think are qualified to lead Wiggle Worship beyond the eucharist. Participation seems really good from all involved each Sunday, to the point that we're silly with baptisms (a total of three this month). I think this is reflective of people's simultaneous investment with St. C.'s and their comfort in the space. I also think that

hearthside will do a lot to help further the work St. C.'s has already done in bridging this demographic to others.

This said, I'll be doing a town hall meeting with the parents this coming Sunday and we'll discuss the needs, concerns, and hopes for the parents with their kids. Most of what we discuss will be implemented upon my return.

One Vestry More!

I've got Les Miserables on the mind, so this subheading.

By this next vestry, I hope to have as much in place as possible. This includes the skeleton of every bulletin, contacts for and people to fill each responsibility, and a sense of humility that there's nothing that will happen that this community of people can't handle.