

**COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES**  
**Thursday, February 25, 2010**  
**IC Education Center Conference Room – 6:30 p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Fr. James Brinkman, Connie Crosby, Laura Rebhan, Jo Germain, Chery Stephens, Arlene Tenner, Wanda Viellieux, Tanya Weinzierl. Absent: Eric Crandall, Monica Rominski, and Jim Tilly.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order with evening prayer led by Fr. Jim.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** October minutes approved by consensus.

**MINISTRY REPORTS:**

**Finance and Administration** – Monica Rominski – no report.

**Stewardship** – Wanda Viellieux – no meeting; no report.

**Worship & Spiritual Life** – Chery Stephens – Jane Derrington will find someone or will organize the Greeters. The CF students and St. Mary's students have been asked to help out two weekends a month. Funeral liturgies are very well done and everyone helping out is doing a great job. The "Year of the Priest" prayer will be printed in the bulletin and will be available in the pews beginning in April. The new policy for announcements before Mass will be that they are to be short, to the point, and apply to the entire assembly. Lenten arrangements with schedule was presented. The Ministerial Association will be discussing the Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service being held at different churches each year. The baptismal font is cracked and Father Jim is looking into a different construction that will hold up better.

**Catechesis & Faith Formation** – Laura Rebhan – Twenty One CF students went to Feed My Starving Children in January and bagged enough meals to feed 460 people for one year. It was eye opening for them to realize the difference between hungry and starving. T3 Bible Study is going well and the students seem to be enjoying the learning process. The Dead Sea Scrolls tour has been scheduled for April 13 and registration forms are available on the church website or on the bulletin boards. The CF students participated in the Souper Bowl of caring collection weekend raising \$263.44 for the Five Loaves Food Shelf. Fr. Jim, together with the CF Department, is reviewing the possibility of offering two Marriage Preparation Workshops for the 2010-2011 year. Workcamp is doing well; their Spaghetti dinner raised \$250. The next Workcamp breakfast will be April 18, 2010.

**Education** – Arlene Tenner – The Home, School, and Church Association met February 1 to hear a summary of the St. Mary's diocesan viability study. Arlene reported that Mardi Gras raised more than \$20,000 for the school on February 12.

**Buildings and Grounds** – Fr. Jim – We have been having some leaking problems on the Education Center's both new and old roof areas. Mike Bernds is working with Derrick Construction and the roofer to find the leaks and correct them. The lower, older roof is now 20 years old and is no longer under warranty. The upper roof is under warranty. Both roofs are in good shape and just need to find the leaks. The repair cost for the baptismal font came in as follows: to repair the top part with no guarantee, \$1,000; to replace the top with no warranty, \$6,000. Since both bids are unacceptable, we will patch the leaks ourselves and Fr. Jim will design a new top which would be made out of wood to match the Ambo with a brushed stainless steel bowl – hammered finish, and a new matching top with trim for the altar. The estimated cost is approximately \$1,000 - \$2,000. There is no rush for this project and will done when funds are available.

**Outreach** – Connie Crosby – We served the C.O.M.E. meal February 16 to a total 120 people; 102 served at the church, 18 take outs. The attendance is down from last meal we served. The parish directories are in and are being passed out after all Masses to those who had their pictures taken. They are now in alphabetical order near the crying room for the balance to be picked up. After all directories have been handed out, there are plans to give a directory to new members. THANK YOU to the committee for all their hard work.

**Parish Social** – Tanya Weinzierl – A meeting is being planned for May Fest at the Weinzierl residence Saturday, February 27, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. Movie Night continues to be a huge success. There will be a double feature for the March Movie Night. The movies are undecided at this time but will have everything to do with the Lenten season.

**Parish at Large** – Eric Crandall/Jim Tilly – no report; no action.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Eucharistic Ministers' practice will begin for the next two weeks after Mass to review and train. We will start using cups again at all Masses March 13 & 14, 2010.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will take place March 25, 2010, 6:30 p.m., IC Education Conference Center. The March 25 meeting will be kept to one hour and finish at 7:30 as there is a Lenten concert in the church by the St. Cloud University Choir which ICC is hosting. A free will offering will be taken up to cover their expenses. Fr. Jim closed with evening prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Theresa Skramstad - Secretary