



General Minutes from Lake/Geauga District Meeting September 10, 2018

Prayer/Lunch/Welcome from Father Redmond (We had 48 members attend)

New Staff/New Event Updates by Parish

- Divine Word – New Youth Minister – Amanda Perusek; Business Manager John Gaydos is retiring and interview process is underway. In response to the abuse crisis, listening sessions are being set up to hear folks and listen to them in a pastoral way.
- Our Lady of Mt. Carmel – Father O'Donnell staying at the parish, Father Behrend has taken on administrator of Immaculate Conception, Willoughby.
- St. Anselm – new principal is Sue Foley. New Mass schedule has begun.
- St. Bede – Parish secretary is retiring, and interviews being conducted. Youth Minister, Sarah Liptak is leaving to attend an art academy in New Jersey.
- St. Cyprian – no staff change. Celebrating Jubilee year with special Mass with the Bishop, and also created a Peace garden on property.
- St. Gabriel – Fr. Joe Bozek has joined as parochial vicar; Deacon Bob Grgic is hired full time as pastoral associate working in area of evangelization and young families. New principal, Ann Ulrich and new assistant principal, Robert Kumazec. Looking forward to working with the seminary and Fr. Andy Turner to bring the Alpha program in Lent.
- St. John Vianney – Seminarian Alex Spenik has joined them. Celebrating Jubilee year – and will break ground with Habitat of Humanity house. Mentor donated the land – and this will be the project to commemorate the 50th. Began 50+ club and had over 200 people attend.
- St. Mary Magdalene – Laure Jurecki retired; January 2019 will be 70th anniversary
- St. Mary, Chardon – new principal Friederike Wintersteller
- St. Mary, Painesville – Father Chris Zerucha going to St. Bernard's in Akron as pastor. October 1st is first day there. Information in packets on what needs there will be to help fill in. Karen Estrada was hired as the part time youth minister.
- Lake Catholic – has had four main staff changes.
- Notre Dame Cathedral – Fr. Caddy reported new staff change, all is going well with the new school year.

Lake Geauga Ministry Discipleship Conference – Anthony Camino

Currently have 106 registrants. Please register early – deadline is 9/22. Bishop Perez is the keynote and eight breakout sessions planned. Time is 8:30am to 1:30pm at St. Gabriel. Information is online as to breakout and registration details.

State of Districts in the Diocese

It appears that we will be keeping our current district model for now. Chairperson meetings will begin again on October 31. The Bishop is looking to discover how the district model works, as he isn't familiar and hasn't worked in a Diocese who utilizes this model.

If you have not paid the \$70 district fee, please do so soon.

District Resource Book

Reviewed the online resource, how to navigate through and highlighted how invaluable this can be to gather information for us to use. We are changing the format, have made some changes and those changes were reviewed. Each parish and institution is responsible for updating their information so that we can all use this as a resource. A video tutorial will be developed and posted online.

Advent/Lent Communal Penance Schedule

Some parishes have responded with their Advent schedules and this will be distributed by Fr. Sweany. If you haven't sent in your information, please contact him. We are trying to avoid three or more parishes having Communal Penance on the same night.

Resource Agencies in Lake/Geauga Counties

Presenters:

- Senta Kline from Catholic Charities, Lake & Geauga Counties
- Carrie Dotson – Lifeline Lake County 211
- Tracy Richardson – Lifeline Geauga County 211

Each presenter described their agency's mission, how they actively carry it out, and how we can collaborate to minister better to those in need in our parishes

Announcements

- Divorced and Separated – support group beginning 9/18 at St. Anselm. Good panel of facilitators. Be sure to give out promotional materials and information that was sent to parish secretaries. Next board meeting is 10/2.
- Lay Ecclesial Ministry – Informational evenings are scheduled for folks interested in the process. October 23rd and January 15th. Please invite folks that you feel would be interested in this.
- Social Justice Office – Laudato State Conference is 9/29. Parish companion program helps people who have been living in our community stay in our community. If this is not allowable, this companion program walks with those who are being forced into the deportation process. Christmas Cards for Neighbors program – at 12/3 at the CPL where holiday cards will be designed to give to jails, youth detention centers, homeless and domestic violence shelters, and nursing homes. Family friendly event – please invite all you can.

Next Lake/Geauga District Meeting is November 12, 11:45 am – St. Noel, Willoughby Hills

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