



St. Pius X Women's Group Meeting Notes
Tuesday, September 8, 2009

The mission of the St. Pius X Women's Group is to offer all women of St. Pius X, regardless of age or marital status, a setting in which to meet, socialize, share interests, provide service, and become more involved in their parish and their faith.

For questions or concerns contact: Toni Binzak, Group Coordinator. email: tbinzak@new.rr.com ; phone: 832-0909

Toni Binzak was unable to chair this meeting; Janet Beauvais filled in as chair. Thank you Janet, you did great!

Social (6:30 – 7:00 pm.)

Opening Prayer – Janet
Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Ice Breaker - Janet

Each person in attendance introduced themselves and shared one thing they enjoy about St. Pius X parish.

Faith Sharing

Men and Women's CHRP, Men and Women's Cursillo Dates

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| CHRP: | Men Oct. 3 & 4 | Women Oct. 17 & 18 |
| Cursillo: | Men Sept. 24-27 | Women Oct. 29-Nov. 1 |

Business

There were 6 women in attendance. Welcome Gretchen Bassett, recent new parish member

CHANGE IN MEETING DATE

Toni Binzak, group coordinator, is involved in CHRP, which meets the second Tuesday of each month. Therefore we are **changing our meetings to the 1st Tuesday of each month, starting October 6**. Please make note for Oct. – May, 2010.

Creating Bylaws

It was suggested to look into creating bylaws for the group coordinator and secretary positions. Currently both positions are held by the same person since this group was re-established in Oct. 2006. Bylaws will give others an opportunity to get involved and free up those holding positions for an extended period of time, to pursue other areas of interest. Gretchen suggested that we search the web using Google to get templates we could work from. A few members are going to look into doing this and bring ideas to our October meeting.

Lunch with the Girls 2010

It was decided that we would do a Lunch after the 10:30 mass on May 7, 2010.

Kathy Hyman will follow up with Carol Beveridge, Booking Manager for the Trinity Irish Dancers to see if they are able to commit to our date (March 7, 2010). If so, she will secure them for our entertainment. Kathy will report back at our October meeting.

Secure Women's Awards Chair for 2009

We are still in need of someone to coordinate the process for the 2009 Women's Awards for this year. Timeframe involved is December-January only. Rick Simon stopped in during our meeting and we informed him of our need; he will keep his ears open to help fill our need. If you, or know someone, who would like to take on this task, contact Toni Binzak (email: tbinzak@new.rr.com or phone: 832-0909).

Over the summer, Carrie Kools documented the entire process with steps to be followed and a timeline. She also redid the nomination form to include both awards on one piece of paper. Most of the work is already done!

2009 Giving Tree Project

The Giving Tree Project normally kicks off in September. Sandy Buchanich is no longer able to Chair this project. We were in need of someone to take this over, however recently 3 ladies did come forward. They are: Michele Lee Malinski, Juli Ontaneda and Mary Quill. Toni Binzak will set up a meeting with them and Sandy Buchanich to obtain last year's process documentation and decide how to coordinate this year's process utilizing all 3 women to lead a part of it. An update will be given at our October meeting.

Ideally, there are 3 areas of leadership needed:

1. Chair the overall project and give direction
2. Coordinate the bulletin announcements
3. Coordinate volunteers.

The Women's group will act as the "worker bees" and help as directed.

Serve Coffee & Donuts after Mass in September & November

September: In past years, the Funeral group normally did coffee and donuts in September (starting mid-Sept.) however that group no longer exists. Barb Rogers has taken over the Funeral lunches and did not know coffee and donuts after mass in September would be her responsibility as well. Since Barb is a member of our group, we were asked to help her out for the following Sundays: Sept. 13, 20 and 27th.

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| Sept. 13: | after 8:30 am mass – Theresa Kohlbeck | after 10:30 am mass - Barb Rogers |
| Sept. 20: | after 8:30 am mass – need someone | after 10:30 am mass – Gretchen Bassett |
| Sept. 27: | after 8:30 am mass – need someone | after 10:30 am mass – Carrie & Mark Kools |

We are still in need of a volunteer after the 8:30 mass on Sept. 20 & 27. Contact the parish office to sign up at 733-0575.

November: Marie Ruffner contacted Toni to see if our group could help out in November helping to serve coffee and donuts after masses. There are 5 Sundays that month. Our group decided to take half of the month and cover both the 8:30 & 10:30 mass.

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| Nov. 1: | after 8:30 am mass – Barb Rogers | after 10:30 am mass – Barb Rogers |
| Nov. 8 | after 8:30 am mass – Kathy Hyman | after 10:30 am mass – Gretchen Bassett |
| Nov. 15 | Need to decide between Marie's group or Women's Group for coverage | |
| Nov. 22 | Marie Ruffner's group will cover | |
| Nov. 29: | Marie Ruffner's group will cover | |

Suggested Book Read (*Faith Sharing*)

“The Help” by Kathryn Stockett (had a 4.5 rating on Barnes and Noble site and is on the best sellers list)

From the Publisher

Be prepared to meet three unforgettable women:

Twenty-two-year-old Skeeter has just returned home after graduating from Ole Miss. She may have a degree, but it is 1962, Mississippi, and her mother will not be happy till Skeeter has a ring on her finger. Skeeter would normally find solace with her beloved maid Constantine, the woman who raised her, but Constantine has disappeared and no one will tell Skeeter where she has gone.

Aibileen is a black maid, a wise, regal woman raising her seventeenth white child. Something has shifted inside her after the loss of her own son, who died while his bosses looked the other way. She is devoted to the little girl she looks after, though she knows both their hearts may be broken.

Minnie, Aibileen's best friend, is short, fat, and perhaps the sassiest woman in Mississippi. She can cook like nobody's business, but she can't mind her tongue, so she's lost yet another job. Minny finally finds a position working for someone too new to town to know her reputation. But her new boss has secrets of her own.

Seemingly as different from one another as can be, these women will nonetheless come together for a clandestine project that will put them all at risk. And why? Because they are suffocating within the lines that define their town and their times. And sometimes lines are made to be crossed.

In pitch-perfect voices, Kathryn Stockett creates three extraordinary women whose determination to start a movement of their own forever changes a town, and the way women-mothers, daughters, caregivers, friends-view one another. A deeply moving novel filled with poignancy, humor, and hope, *The Help* is a timeless and universal story about the lines we abide by, and the ones we don't.

Future Agendas (Sept. – May)

September – December: The Giving Tree Project

November: Serve Donuts after Masses

December - January: Women's Awards (announce in January)

January - March: Plan final details for Lunch with the Girls

Winter/Early Spring: Prepare/serve a meal for the Fox Valley Warming Shelter when SPX hosts

March: Lunch with the Girls (March 10)

Closing Prayer – Janet Beauvais

Oh God, Giver of Life Stewardship Prayer

Next Meeting – October 6 (1st Tuesday of the month) - Fr. Keller Room

Challenge: Bring a friend to our next meeting!

Social 6:30 – 7:00 | Meeting 7:00 – 8:30

- † Social
- † Faith Sharing
- † Business
 1. 2009 Giving Tree Project
 2. Creating By Laws
 3. November Coffee & Donuts
 4. Women's Awards
 5. Lunch with the Girls

Submitted by,
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