



- 1/11 Formation Committee meeting
In-Service Committee meeting
CAR Board Meeting
- 1/12 Meeting with Image Management (potential contractor)
- 1/14 Awakening Faith – Session 1
- 1/15 Meeting with potential contractor for website
- 1/18 Strategic Planning meeting
Meeting with JT reporter
DRE meeting
- 1/19 Principal's meeting
Social Justice Committee meeting
- 1/20 Evangelization Committee meeting
- 1/21 Awakening Faith – Session 2
Executive Committee meeting
- 1/24 Strategic Planning meeting
Meeting with Issue captain for Jan 31
- 1/26 WRJN radio interview
- 1/27 Admin/Finance Committee meeting
Strategic Planning – booklet assembly
- 1/28 Awakening Faith – Session 3
- 1/29 Purchase and assembly for Jan 31
- 2/2 Meeting with “Advancing Family Assets”
- 2/4 Awakening Faith – Session 4

The “demonstration Mass” held on January 10 at noon at St. Rita was scheduled primarily for the **collaborative RCIA** group, but was open to all. There were just over 100 people that attended Father Joseph’s explanation. He always does a wonderful job of explaining the Mass, and he did so this time as well. A number of “regular” people commented on how much they learned from this experience, and many of the RCIA candidates stated that it was extremely helpful in their understanding of the Mass.

Considerable time was expended preparing the grant request from the **CAN program**. Our request was for funding of a marketing plan, which included a restructure of the CAR website. I met with several marketing firms, and with a number of website developers. Each potential vendor needed to understand CAR’s mission, organization, and objective’s in order to provide a quote for services. Only one firm could provide both the marketing and technology bid together. This information had to be summarized as part of the grant request, and the selection of the potential had to be justified.

At the **principals’** meeting, the group reviewed and approved the proof of the Catholic Schools Week ad I created for publication in the Journal Times. Both the principals and the DRE’s asked about scheduling a session of **Safeguarding All of God’s Children**, so I committed to having one during the month of February.

Evangelization Committee began the six-week **Awakening Faith** program on January 14 with 9 participants in the morning session, and four in the evening. To date, there have been four sessions, and the attendees have expressed appreciation for having this opportunity to gain a better understanding of their faith, and value the experience.

Strategic Planning Committee hosted a major event on Sunday, January 31, *God Anoints You.... Work Miracles*. Hours of preparation was required to pull this event together. With four people on the committee, the work was divided so each had an area of responsibility. Mine was to coordinate the needs for the liturgy, make all of the copies, and gather some of the supplies. Vonnie and I met with the JT reporter, and I did the radio interview. We had hoped for greater participation, but the approximately 40 people who came provided great discussion on the issues. Groups have committed to meet again, and have outlined tentative next steps. Our thanks to all who assisted in this event, and there were many.

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AHEAD: 2/8 In-Service committee, CAR Board meeting; 2/9 Collaborative RCIA Catholic Social Justice; 2/10 Formation committee, 2/11 Awakening Faith 5; 2/15 DRE meeting; 2/16 Principals’ meeting, Social Justice committee; 2/18 Awakening Faith 6; 2/21 Rite of Election; 2/24 Evangelization Committee; 2/25 Admin/Finance Committee; 3/8 CAR Board meeting



- 12/14 DRE Holiday gathering
CAR Board Meeting
- 12/17 Principals' holiday breakfast
- 12/21 Strategic Planning meeting
- 12/22 CAN evaluation meeting at UW Parkside
- 1/5/10 Strategic Planning meeting
- 1/6/10 Admin/Finance committee meeting
- 1/9/10 Facilitator training

December is a heavy **advertising** month. Ads for the Christmas worship schedule were in the Journal Times, Pennysaver and Happenings Magazine, as well as online at the Journal Times. Feedback was very positive about the exposure. With the multiple ads, we also obtained reduced pricing. In addition, in the Dec 31 issue of Catholic Herald we had an ad to welcome our new archbishop. Both St. Lucy and Sacred Heart participated in the worship publicity and we will be invoicing them for their portion. St. Lucy joined us with the ad for the Archbishop, but Sacred Heart chose to do their own.

Strategic Planning Committee had several meetings this month to continue preparations for the all-city Mass and kick-off of the Plan to the community. With the Packers winning a spot in the playoffs, it was felt we needed to move our date back to Sunday, January 31, which consequently caused a few other changes. The committee asked the Board of Directors for their participation in the event to help facilitate the groups that will form to address the eight issues. Mass will be at 1:00 PM in St. Catherine's auditorium, followed by the presentation and discussion groups.

Evangelization Committee was to have begun the six-week **Awakening Faith** program on January 7 but the snow storm delayed our start. We will begin the program next week, on January 14. The Evangelization Committee invited Sister Virginia Stone to conduct Facilitator Training for the individuals who will be leading the Awakening Faith program. Also invited were individuals who may wish to lead a bible study or other formation session.

The **request for funding** from UW Parkside's CAN program is due on January 19 at 4 PM. We will be requesting funds to develop a marketing plan, including update/enhancement of our website. A minimum of three bids are required for each so I have been meeting with marketing companies and website development firms to get quotes from them. I will then select the firms that best fit our needs and requirements, and enfold them into the proposal.

I am also working on the ad for **Catholic Schools Week**, which is January 31 – February 6. The principals have submitted photos and a list of their open house times, and I have reserved the space in the Journal Times.

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- 11/9 Medicare Workshop
Formation Committee meeting
CAR Board Meeting
- 11/11 Evangelization Committee meeting
- 11/12 *Experiencing God in the Ordinary*
- 11/16 DRE meeting
- 11/17 Principals' meeting
Social Justice Committee meeting
RCIA collaborative session on "Introduction to Scripture"
- 11/18 Strategic Planning meeting
- 11/19 *Experiencing God in the Ordinary*
- 11/23 In-Service committee meeting
- 12/2 Strategic Planning meeting
Admin/Finance Committee meeting
- 12/6 *Acacia Theatre*
- 12/9 Formation Committee meeting
- 12/10 CAN workshop at UW Parkside
Strategic Planning meeting
- 12/14 DRE Holiday gathering
CAR Board meeting

Twenty-eight people attended the **Medicare Workshop** conducted by Barb Tiedt from the Aging and Disability Resource Center. While it was planned for one hour, it went nearly two hours with all of the questions raised – and answered. Those who attended were most appreciative of the information received about the changes coming on January 1.

Evangelization Committee has confirmed time and location for another **Awakening Faith** program. On January 7 we will begin the six-week series on Thursdays. This time, however, there will be two options: mornings, 10:00 – 11:30 am at St. Paul, and evenings, 6:30 – 8:00 at St. Sebastian.

Experiencing God in the Ordinary was a success, with 13-15 people attending each of the three sessions. Fr. Jose presented the topic with humor, but sincerity, and the participants really enjoyed him. His is a different, yet down-to-earth perspective about our daily relationship with God.

For the third **collaborative RCIA** session, Beth Roeder, Campus Minister at St. Catherine's, talked to a group of about 35 adults. *An Introduction to Scripture* was well attended, and well-received. Candidates and sponsors from St. Joseph, St. Paul, St. John, St. Patrick, and St. Edward were in attendance, plus a few other interested adults.

For the **RARE** program, I contacted the Milwaukee television stations and our radio station to set up codes for emergency closing procedures.

My **laptop computer and our projector** were loaned out several times over the past couple of months. St. John Nepomuk, SOAR, and St. Edward parish all benefited from using our resources.

I gathered the information for the Christmas listing parish masses and created an ad. I contacted St. Lucy and Sacred Heart to see if they wished to be included, and they will join us in the listing. Watch the Pennysaver on 12/16, Happenings Magazine on 12/17, and Journal Times on 12/19. A second bulletin insert with the Mass listing was sent to all of the parishes as well. In addition, I created an ad for the Dec 31 issue of Catholic Herald to welcome our new archbishop

Acacia Theatre gave performances of *Christmas Past* and *Blessed Christmas* at St. Mary by the Lake on Sunday, Dec. 6. There were 40+ people in attendance, and many of them remarked that it was "such poor attendance" yet we were happy to have that many! Everyone commented that it was such a joyful, wonderful performance, even the children. One couple had been to see a play on Friday evening and said that this was at least as good, or better, than the play. Several people asked that we invite them for another performance. We collected \$99 in "free will offering."

Strategic Planning Committee members are working to find "experts" in each of the eight identified areas for discussion. At the November meeting, each Board member selected which topic they would help facilitate with a committee member. We have booked St. Catherine's auditorium for Sunday, January 17, to begin with Mass at 1:00 PM, followed by a presentation, and then group meeting and discussion on the topics.

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AHEAD: 12/17 breakfast with the Principals; 1/10 RCIA Demonstration Mass at St. Rita; 1/11 CAR Board meeting
I will be out of the Office from Dec 24, returning Jan 4. I will be out of the office Dec 24 – Jan 4.