

End of Year Report for 2006:

Recommendations / Accomplishments of St. Mark's Parish Council:

1. Had presentations / discussions at Council meetings individually with key Parish organizations:
 - Publications and Media – 7/25/06
 - Parish Youth Ministry – 11/28/06
2. Began posting Parish Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes on our Parish website for all interested Parishioners to review. This started with our 2006 meetings.
3. Began detailed review of the prioritized suggestions from our Oct. 25th meeting and started developing recommendations and action plans appropriately. 1/31/06 Completed on 6/27/06.
4. Start using our Bulletin to provide more information to our Parishioners on Adult Catechesis and Evangelization. 1/31/06
5. Recommended adding a hot-key to our Parish website to access more information on our weekly Mass Readings. 1/31/06
6. Representatives from St. Mark's Hispanic Ministry were added to our Parish Council. 1/31/06
7. Began planning for a special Welcoming Mass to be done annually with the theme of reaching out to our inactive Parishioners. 1/31/06 (This will be continued when the position for our Intergenerational Faith Formation Director is filled.)
8. Recommended keeping our Homilies simple with the goal of providing one specific take-away related to the Readings. 2/28/06
9. Recommended occasionally adding explanations during Mass on the significance of certain parts of the Mass. 2/28/06
10. Invited the musical group of the Hispanic Ministry to occasionally perform at other Sunday Masses. 3/28/06
11. Recommended having a representative of each Ministry speak after Mass annually so Parishioners can become more aware of their activities. 3/28/06
12. An Agenda Item was added in May 06 for members to provide any Parishioner feedback they have for discussion at our meetings.
13. Recommended that we announce in our Bulletin and create an accommodation for Parishioners to ask questions on any topics of interest through our web site, by mail or by a note in the collection basket. 5/30/06
14. Held a follow-up Parish Council meeting with all the Parish Ministries on 10/24/06 which was followed by a wine & cheese social for all attendees.
15. Scheduled a general meeting open to all Parishioners for April 24, 2007.
16. Recommended that booklets be prepared with the essentials of what our Parishioners need to know when planning a wedding or needing to arrange a funeral at St. Mark's. 11/28/06