

CPM – Cindy reported the anniversary reception held on February 18th was well received. It was an enjoyable evening of conversation and fellowship. “Catechism in One Year”, is going well. There are approximately 20 individuals attending the morning session and four to five individuals attending the evening session. This program challenges us to live out our faith in love and charity. Lisa Hudgens said, “Her participation in the program has proven to be invaluable, and she looks forward to every meeting”. Grief support, facilitated by Cindy Stilley, plans to take a rest. They will resume another cycle in August, depending on the needs of the parish. Rite of Election took place in Belleville, on February 26th. St. Joseph had two candidates and one catechumen, St. Paul had one candidate at the event. Bishop McGovern plans to visit each vicariate to speak on “Eucharistic Revival”. He may visit our parish after Lent. This is a grass roots movement. The first year will take place at the Diocesan level, and the second year will take place at the parish level. Father Barrett suggested we utilize dates within the church calendar to highlight the Eucharist, i.e. Holy Thursday, Corpus Christi. There will be Eucharistic adoration at St. Joseph on Thursday, March 16th at 6:00pm. The feast of St. Patrick falls on a Friday during Lent. The Diocese has given a special dispensation allowing for the consumption of meat on the feast day. St. Joseph feast day will be celebrated after the 10:30 mass on March 19th. Pizza and drinks will be provided. An ecumenical Lenten service will be held at St. Joseph on Tuesday, March 21st. The KC ladies will be serving soup and salad prior to the service. Rice bowls, and prayer cards, for individuals making their first communion and those entering the church have been made available for parishioners. Stations of the cross will be at 5:30 on Fridays and will alternate between St. Joseph and St. Paul. A penance service will be held at St. Joseph on Thursday March 9th at 6:00pm. Confession at St. Paul will be on Wednesday, March 8th, after the noon mass.

YFF – There will be a first communion retreat and first reconciliation will be scheduled for those making their first communion. A confirmation retreat will be held at Camp Ondessonk on Saturday, February 25th. Fifteen of our youth will be attending the conference in Steubenville. We will be partnering with St. Mary’s church in Anna. The child protection course will be facilitated by Megan Martin-Leitzen and Theresa Hopkins, on March 5th and March 8th. There will be a “Lock In” at St. Joseph beginning after the four o’clock mass on March 11th. The fourth and fifth graders will be responsible for stations of the cross on March 31st at St. Paul church. The Lenten service project will provide packed lunches for “The Promise”. Students will be putting the items together on Sunday, April 2nd. Parishioners are asked to donate peanut butter, grape jelly, granola bars, large bags of chips, and non perishable fruit cups for this cause.

PSR – Cindy Pulsford reported the PSR classes are going well. They have had an excellent turn out for children’s liturgy. A rice bowl will be placed in each classroom, for the children to have an opportunity to donate if they so choose. Bi-County will be at the Parish Center on March 20th, at which time they will offer a flu vaccine clinic.