January 3, 2013 Petals Meeting

Video: At 7:00 pm we gathered before a video by Father Robert Barron on how we can answer the call to holiness in the New Year.

- Prayer – take the time – suggested types of prayer, rosary, Jesus prayer, Mass
- Forgive your enemy – do something concrete to be reconciled, phone call, note, visit.
- Comfort the afflicted – corporeal works of mercy.

Opening Prayer: Father Ware led us in prayer with our Petals Prayer.

Affirmations –
- Tony Moreno was affirmed on behalf of the Daughters of Isabella for leading the Daughters and the Life Teen gathering with a scriptural rosary for teens.
- Belle Reynolds, Father Kraft and team were affirmed by Beth Grady for the beautiful décor.
- Jesus was affirmed by Father Kraft for the music at Midnight Mass.
- The Sisters were affirmed for their presentation of the Christmas pageant.
- Eva Ordaz and Rosa Treviso were affirmed by Father Ware for their organization of the Virgin of Guadalupe celebration.

Parish & Petal Business
- Pastor’s Report – Father Ware
  - Plaza Update – the plaza proposal was approved by the planning commission in December. The presentation will now go before the City Council for approval on February 6, 2013. Tawni Urrutia will be the lead designer. Once the city has approved the project, the bid process will begin. Father Ware answered some questions and reminded us that the Plaza project is part of our ongoing effort to unify the Parish and integrate St. Anne’s into the life of the city of Lodi.
  - Director of Music – a number of applications have been received for all over the United States, many very qualified people have applied.
  - December celebrations-
    - Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th was well organized and attended.
    - Christmas celebrations were beautiful and welcoming for all.
  - Name Tag Sunday – Father Ware asked us what we thought of exchanging name tags and praying for those we exchanged names tags with for the month. The also agreed that announcements and explanations need to take place at each Mass, and it was suggested
that more people need to be at each entrance to hand out name tags. Father Ware indicated that he would remind the Council of their agreement to be present at each Mass to hand out name tags when they next meet.

- **Petal Business** – Donna Dominguez
  - Bishop’s visits - Donna asked for comments from those of us who had already experienced our visits with the Bishop. The comments were most favorable.
  - Ministry Presentations – Youth & Young Adult Petal – January 19 and 20, 2013
  - Announcements/approved handouts –
    - The Epiphany of Our Lord – Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament Sunday, January 6, 2013 at 1:45 in the Church.
    - Daughters of Isabella – Open Invitation Meeting – Tuesday, January 8, 2013 – Guest Speaker Elvira Ramirez, Catholic Charities will be doing a presentation on their work in our Parish supporting women and families.
    - Daughters of Isabella- “Dancing with the Stars” Dance-A-Thon, Saturday, February 2, 2013
    - Respect Life - 9th Annual West Coast Walk for Life, Saturday, January 26, 2013

**Social Justice Petal**

Parish Nurse - Classes are being offered thru Lodi Memorial Hospital and available to all. Will publish in Bulletin.

Pastoral Care - In need of more volunteers for hospital and nursing home visitation. Forms used for information about patients is then passed on to Sr. Sharon for aftercare and bereavement. This method is working well. Sr. Sharon's name and contact info used to be on the front of the wkly bulletin. It is not there any longer, instead it is inside. Melitta Heli said it was helpful on the front because, when the bulletin was handed to patients and/or families at the hospital or nursing home, it was easy an practical to just circle her info on the front of the bulletin.

Fr. Mario has families in need. He needs to know where to direct families i.e. rental assistance, utilities, etc. St Vincent de Paul and Salvation Army are able to help with financial assistance some.

Annie's Angels will be serving dinner at the homeless shelter on January 9, 2013 at 3:45 - 5:30pm This is with the 6th-8th grade students.

Legion of Mary - Need more volunteers for convalescent and homebound visitation.

Respect Life - Lydia VanSteyn was not in attendance. Pete VanSteyn is very ill and is need of our prayers. There is no alternate for this ministry.
Annual Walk for Life is Saturday, January 26, 2013, forms and info is in the bulletin.

Prison Ministry - Jerre Murphy was not in attendance. No report and no alternate for this ministry.
Community Outreach - St Vincent de Paul is dependent on the generosity of our parishoners. We were able to help more people when we had the thrift store. It brought in additional funds and we also could help with household items and clothing. The monthly collections for items is improving somewhat, but it is far from successful. We are in need of more donations.

Salvation Army - had a successful bell ringers season. Thanks to all St. Anne’s parishoners who gave of their time to be bell ringers.

Loel Center - The Congregate Lunch Program served 1,119 meals in November (Dec. stats not available) Year to date they served 14,440 meals. This is a great program for seniors. The suggested donation is $2.00. A good hot meal is served. If there is a way to put this information for seniors in the bulletin, it would be helpful. This Christmas, a tree was hung with approx. 100 gift wishes. All 100 seniors had their wishes granted.

Sr Sharon Mello and Deacon Porfi Cisneros were not in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Hanson

Faith Formation Petal Minutes January 2013

VISITATION AND ADORATION
2013 Holiday year where the Adoration Chapel is closed will be as follows:
January 1   Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
January 21  Martin Luther King’s Birthday
February 18 President’s Day
March 29    Good Friday 1:00 pm    Half Day
May 27      Memorial Day
July 4      Independence Day
July 5      Day after Independence Day
August 15   Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary
Sept 12     Labor Day
Oct 14      Columbus Day
Nov 1       All Saints Day
Nov 11      Veteran’s Day
Nov 28      Thanksgiving Day
Nov 29      Day after Thanksgiving
Dec 24      Christmas Eve Day
Dec 25      Christmas Day

Epiphany of Our Lord – Eucharistic Adoration this Sunday Jan 6th in the Main Church; starts at 1:30.
Day of Reflection – Friday, February 15th – 8:00 am Mass, 9:30 Adoration, 10 to 12 Reflection/Workshop.

Adorers Needed: Have had a number of people change or leave; we are in need of Adorers. Please see Annette Murdaca at AMurdaca@aol.com 209 969 3674 (English) or Emelia Haro at Star_angel@sbcglobal.net 209 747-9210 to sign up. We are also trying to put a sign up sheet in the bulletin three times a year.

Rosary Makers

Completed Projects:
- 120 cord rosaries to Cibola County Correctional Center in Milan, NM
- 8 wire rosaries for St. Anne’s Office
- 14 wire rosaries for Welcome Ministry
- 5 wire on-call rosaries for Fr. Bill
- 10 wire devotional rosaries for Legion of Mary

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT GROUPS IN VARIOUS PARISHES OF GRANADOS, SONORA ARE BEING TAUGHT HOW TO MAKE CORD AND WIRE ROSARIES.

The instructor from Granados, Sonora, Mrs. Luz was taught by St. Anne’s Rosary Makers in the art of cord and wire rosary making.

55 cord rosaries and materials and tools for another 100 rosaries were sent with the instructor, Mrs. Luz, to Granados, Sonora.

Current Projects:
- 1st Holy Communion wire rosaries for St. Anne’s students
- Confirmation cord rosaries for St. Anne’s students

Lydia Ulricksen, Petal Rep.

ARISE/Small Christian Communities

SCC: The next Season will be during Lent and it is called Lenten Longings. There is a training for facilitators and anyone else who might be interested in hearing about the new Season. The presentation is always encouraging and informative and will be held at St. Michael’s in Morada on January 9th, with the times being from 1:30PM-3:30PM (daytime attendees) or from 7:00PM-9:00PM (evening attendees.)

ESTUDIOS BIBLICOS
No report.

SEEDS OF FAITH

January 3, 2013
Continue to meet on the Second Thursday of the Month for Meditation and Adoration in the Chapel at 6:45
followed by their Study Topic: “Fire Within”.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

They had the December Christmas Play.

There are meeting for Confirmation and Communion Recipients throughout the month.

Tuesday, Jan. 8th is the Reconciliation Retreat for the 2nd graders.

Dance-a-thon to benefit Religious Ed, St. Anne’s Youth, St. Anne’s School, and the Daughters of Isabella
on Feb. 2nd.

Christmas Tree Ornaments for Confirmation Students will be up for a few more weeks. So far they have
received $3000 in donations to help with the retreat costs.

**GROUPO ORACION**

The Congress that was held in November was attended by over 400 0 people.

There is a Spanish retreat for Women on Jan 26 and 27 in Modesto.

**Extras:**

Ministry Day in October was wonderful! It will be in October in Modesto again this year. Watch for
information.

LA Religious Education Congress will be on February 22-24 – The three-day weekend is open to adults
and young adults and offers more than 200 speakers presenting over 300 workshops, in addition to
lunchtime entertainment, evening concerts, Liturgy in a variety of characters, the Exhibit Hall and much
more. For more information check out: http://www.recongress.org/

**Issues for the Ministry Team**

**Visitation and Adoration:** Due to the many requests to be put in the bulletin, many of the ministries are
frustrated that their announcements are not being put into the bulletin, even though they have met the
bulletin deadlines. The petal understands that there are so many requests and not enough space;
however, the petal would like to have the bulletin editors consider adding two or three more pages. We
are a large parish with many ministries, and the petal feels it is more important to encourage use of the
bulletin as a major communication tool with parishioners. Petal thinks that by enlarging the bulletin it would
relieve the frustration of the ministries, and the frustration of the bulletin editors in trying to figure out how
to make it all work. Please consider discussion in adding two or three more pages to the
bulletin. Communication is key. The bulletin is a major key.
We have set a planning meeting for Lent at Carmen’s house Jan 15th at 6:30pm. Ash Wednesday is Feb 13 and Easter is early this year – March 31st. Please reflect on the readings for Lent and come prepared to discuss ideas for our Lenten theme.

Fr Bill reminded us this Sunday is the Epiphany and that Sunday Jan 13th is the Baptism of Our Lord and the end of Advent Season. We will then go back to Ordinary Time.

Carlos brought up the issue of sealing the collection bags before some people have last minute envelopes to deliver. It was discussed that the loose envelopes and money would go into the basket which then goes to the safe in the Sacristry. Joan mentioned that if some people are uncomfortable with placing their money loosely in the basket, they can always drop off at the slot in the church office.

It was also suggested that there should be collection envelopes in the pews or available with the Ushers for those who have money that can be placed in the envelope and the parishioner can drop off at the Church office.

Rita mentioned that the collection basket never comes to the Choir. Fr Bill suggested that one person from the choir collect the envelopes and give to the Usher.

There were some communication issues regarding a few people staying Christmas Eve from 9:00pm Spanish mass through Midnight Mass (bilingual). More coverage was needed during the Christmas Mass schedule. This will be discussed for next year’s Christmas planning.

Ofelia asked when is a good time for the choir singers to take Communion? Fr Bill suggested that the singers can take Communion while the song continues with just the Guitar or Piano. The congregation should all be singing during
Quick Ministry Check in:

Seniors - Meetings at moose lodge and meet, eat and socialize. Mary Moso

Knights of Columbus - Stephen Gori - Feb 16th Valentines dinner and dance $25 couple, three charities will benefit from this event. There will also be a St Patrick’s Day dinner/dance on 3/16th

Young Ladies Ins - Barbara Brovelli - monthly novenas, in February they will have an official visit, a Mass and breakfast will be celebrated on March 3rd

Mexican American Catholic Federation – Jose Ordaz The tamale sale was successful, a food basket giveaway for needy families in December was done. The posadas were successful and using the gym worked out better than using Dominican hall due to space issues.

St Anne’s School – Veronica Natera 1/26 crab feed, 6th graders leaving to Science Camp Jan 14th. Kindergarten registration for next year has started. Granparents luncheon will take place Jan 29th during Catholic Schools Week. Catholic Schools Week will kick off on Sun, Jan 27th with Mass at 10:30am and then a ceremony to celebrate the completion of many projects around the campus, with an open house.

Teams Of Our Lady – Veronica Natera Both Lodi teams joined together for a Christmas pot luck and gift exchange at St Joachim’s Hall. The teams are looking to go on a retreat in March.

Daughters of Isabella - Joy Hickman Christmas dinner was successful and sold out. They had a bagpiper for part of entertainment, as well as singing in German. There is an open invitation on Jan 8th to get information on the Daughters of Isabella for any ladies that are Catholic and over 16 years old. The Daughters will have Dance a Thon on 2/2/13 to help benefit the youth group, Religious Ed and the Daughters.

Items for Ministry team

Communion – not just the Choir. Or arrange for an instrumental solo. This can be brought up when we have a new Director of Music.

Issues for the Ministry Team:

In keeping with the Year of Faith, the Liturgy Petal wanted to ask the Pastoral Council to put together a service for the Anointing of the Sick with the Community.
Steve Gori from the Knights stated that a parishioner had come to him after attending a Spanish Mass and asked why the procession for parishioners to receive communion was so disorderly. The parishioner felt that something should be done to help make this time more orderly and peaceful.

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**Notes for Youth and Young Adult Ministries Petal**

- **Lifeteen**
  - November 16-18 we did our second eighth grade retreat for 60 youth.
  - Participated in the light parade on December 6
  - Had a get together life night with the daughters of Isabella, we prayed to rosary and got to know each other.
  - We are planning on going to the Walk for life on January 26

- **Young Adults**
  - Still having our weekly bible studies
  - Finished Arise as a group

- **Amigos de Jesus**
  - Did the play at the Guadalupe Procession, as well as performed their play in Galt, Turlock, Modesto, and at St. Anne's.
  - Planning on Going to the West Coast walk for Life.
  - Planning on going to a youth conference in Modesto on February 23-24 and are helping lead music for that.

January 19-20 we are presenting our ministries in the church.

**From Tony:** For January 19th-20th weekend, every group will need to have volunteers to staff their tables and carry in their banners during each Mass. Remember we have 7 Masses during the weekend - ALL MUST BE COVERED

**Saturday:** 5:30 PM and 7:30 PM  
**Sunday:** 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM and 6:00 PM

For your tables:

- You can decorate them - we will have tablecloths. Bring stuff that represent your ministry: brochures, fliers, pictures, etc.
- Have a signup sheet for those who may be interested in participating in your Ministry.

**Ministries Represented January 19th/20th**

- **Amigos de Jesus**
- **CYO**
- **Life Teen**
- **Young Adult Ministry (YAManne)**
- **Parent Support group**
7:30 – 8:00 pm - Petals Discussions (Individual Petals)
8:00 – 8:20pm - Petal Reports – see individual Petal minutes
8:20 – Donna closed with a few final announcements
8:30 – Father Ware led us in closing prayer.