

## St. Mary Comforter Meeting, March 17, 2008

The March Comforter meeting at the home of Lida Vergeer was called to order by President Eleanor Seissiger. Marie Alverson-Gross led the opening prayer. Present were Eleanor Seissiger, Tita Bosseloo, Mary Ann Kutz, Dean and Marlene Stewart, Joan Colia, Kathy Hearn, Marie Alverson-Gross, Barbara Shimer, Deanna Muller, Jeanette Martinson and Lida Vergeer.

The two readers for the Spanish funeral Masses are Isabel Nunez and Lidia Carrillo. Kathryn Barros has been doing the Rosary for the funerals. Judee Johnson has offered to read and serve at the funerals. It is important that when we get people who come forward to help that we use them. If volunteers are overlooked, they no longer volunteer.

The Comforter-on Call should contact Kathy Hearn with the name of the deceased and the time and date of the funeral. Kathy will post it in the church as Kay Faulkner did. Kathy will also speak with Maria Felix about making a note for the Priest to announce it at Mass, if possible. Many parishioners are unaware of a funeral for someone not a close friend, but a close acquaintance.

The Thank-You Retreat took most of the meeting. The schedule appears to be: 8:00 AM Mass; gather in the hall for light refreshments; a brief welcome by Eleanor; the retreat talk by Father Rich during which Father may wish a brief break; a blessing and the meal. Retreat Preparations and Ideas Posed: Deanna would like to use fresh roses for center-pieces. Any one who has access to roses or floral accessories they think Deanna may need, please contact her. Judy Douglas needs deep pie tins 10" in diameter to be brought to the Hall or given to Barbara Shimer if you cannot bring them yourself. Be sure that you put your name on anything you bring that you wish to have returned to you.

The Youth group will be serving a Pancake Breakfast the Sunday morning before the Retreat. Melissa Goncalves, our Parish Youth Director, has offered to have the youth re-arrange the tables for our Retreat the following day. They will also clean the Hall and kitchen after the Breakfast. We appreciate the time this will save. Deanna will give Jeanette a diagram of how she wishes the Hall arranged and Jeanette will be at the Hall with the Youth after the breakfast to help set up the plan.

We have the hall for preparation from 5PM to 9PM Sunday April 20. At this time we will decorate, prepare the foods as much as possible, and place the dinnerware on the tables. *It is most important that we all be on hand as this is the biggest part of the physical preparation.*