FUNDRAISING IDEAS

(I included the Group Leader name in case you had further questions…call Peggy for contact info)

Debbie Chicane:

Making homemade chili and cinnamon rolls for Superbowl Sunday and delivering them to people’s homes,

Hosting your town’s alumni game

Hosting a summer barbeque

Having a pancake breakfast after Mass while hosting a Silent auction

Car washes

Taking orders throughout the town for lunch (haystacks) and delivering them to the businesses throughout the town

Katy Schnoor:

Car wash

Bake Sale (the kids make cake, cookies, etc and sell to the parishoners)

Spaghetti Dinner (Cheap and easy to make...$7 plate to sell w/ salad and ice cream)

Bingo Night

Poker Night

Debbie Blomquist:

One fund raiser that I have done is Pill bottle /pocket change fundraiser. (You can purchase the pill bottles at local pharmacies or bulk order on line)

Put a label on the pill bottle that tells what the fund raiser is for and asking them to pray for the teens that will be participating in the event.

Ask people to place it on the window sill or dresser and as they empty their pockets or change purse, fill the pill bottle with quarters.

I purchase the pill bottles that are about the size around of a quarter.  They hold about $10.00 in Quarters.

Kids can hand them out to friends and family, put their own name on them, and then get personal credit, if you so choose.

Or just hand them out to the entire parish in a reverse collection (people take a pill bottle out instead of putting something in the basket at the end of mass)

Then have them bring them back when they are full and put them in the collection or have a weekend where kids are there at all masses collecting the full bottles.

The information on bottom of pill bottles that I use:  (REXAM T-16   93A)

Cheri Posedel:

My best fundraiser is definitely our annual rummage sale each summer.  A lot of work, but we make about $10,000.  We begin collecting items right after the 4th of July, advertising in our bulletin for drop off in our youth center.  The kids going on mission trips and retreats are earning "hours" by helping set it up....their families and friends can also earn hours for them.  We collect and set up for about 6 weeks.

You have to have a really willing staff to be okay with the youth center and the gym being taken over for this amount of time.  We do not price anything (except some of eh bigger pieces of furniture) but ask for generous donations.

We figure this is a 3-fold benefit.  1.  We make lots of money. 2. We serve the less fortunate in the area by letting them get lots of clothes and household items for barely anything. 3. We help our parishioners clean out their unwanted items and write it off as a tax deduction.

After the sale, St. Vincent de Paul trucks (usually 2 of their big trucks) comes and hauls what left away!  Win, win, win, win!

Marie Becker:

-July car wash on a Sunday in parish parking lot

-Fall Jewelry/Rosary sale through Totally Catholic Fundraising

-Superbowl Chili Fundraiser - we take orders in January and make chili to pick up on Superbowl Sunday

-Crazy Pancake Breakfast (May) - pancakes & sausage breakfast with lots of different toppings for the pancakes

Marie Becker (cont):

Sometimes we have a bake sale and/or host coffee social.

Two we are considering for the future: Papa Murphy fundraiser and Krispy Kreme fundraiser.

One we do for only every 2-3 years - like for WYD, NCYC: Flamingo Fundraiser - send 6 pink flamingos to someone's yard for 4 days, buy insurance to keep flamingos off your yard, send flamingos to someone else (if your yard gets flamingoed!) (Oriental Trading flamingos are perfect!)

Carlie Betz:

This might be late notice for some, but we are doing an Advent wreath sale at out parish. Autom has some great prices. We are selling some other Christmas and religious items as well. Jill did this last year and had great success. We will also do another religious items sale of rosaries etc. around First Eucharist and Confirmation time in the spring.

Also, I haven’t looked into this fully yet, but I know that selling Brown Bear Car wash tickets has worked well for other parishes. I plan to look into this for St. Joseph, but will wait until after our first fundraiser is complete.

Another parish told me that after their latest morning Mass (11AM I think) they did a BBQ fundraiser where they sold hamburgers and hot dogs  and has all the fixings. If you purchase the items at Costco, you can still sell for a fairly low price, and make a profit. People are always hungry in the early afternoon, and it is a good way to encourage fellowship as well.

Jill Wenger:

\* Bake Sale--Have not only the families with teens attending the conference bake things, but ask parishioners to get involved.  They love hearing that there is a request for their banana bread or that their cakes are always a top seller!  You can also have youth group baking party a day or two before the event in the parish kitchen.

\*Plant Sale--Have local nurseries donate items.

\*Car wash--Have parents help "valet park" the cars during Mass and have the teens wash them, so they are all ready to go by the time Mass is over. We put yellow papers in the dash window so we know which ones to wash and have someone ready at the entrances to the parking lot to ask if they would like their car washed.  Most people say yes.

\*Flamingo Flocking--Have parishioners buy a "flocking" for a friend's yard or "flamingo insurance" if they don't want their own yard flocked.  Youth Group comes at night and puts a dozen or so plastic flamingos in their yard with a note on the door indicating who it is from and a form if they would like to pass it on to someone else or make a donation. This continues until all the orders are completed.

\*Ask Knights of Columbus is they will do a matching fundraiser.  Whatever you make, they match.  This helps you to raise more at a particular fundraiser if people know it will be doubled.

Our parish is very supportive when they know that the money is going to sending the teens to Steubenville.  Remind parishioners that all these events are helping the teens to have an empowering faith experience and they rely on the parish for support.  It's just as important for the teens to get up at Mass and speak about the powerful experience they had upon their return:)

Mary Holder:

Gun Raffle – limited number of tickets sold – prize is a hunting rifle from our locally owned store

·        Meat Stick sales through Country Meats

·        Spaghetti dinner and Silent Auction – the kids actually do all the cooking, serving, and cleaning up.  They are assigned tables and as people come in – they get their drink orders, then bring them their salad, then their meal, then their dessert (just like a server would in the restaurant) – the kids and those attending LOVE it!

·        Mother’s Day Gift Basket raffle – each youth brings in a themed gift basket.  People buy tickets and place them in the container in front of the basket they want to win.  We draw out a ticket and the winner gets that basket.  We do this the week before Mother’s Day

·        Hire a Youth Group Member – youth go out in pairs (or more sometimes) and help our parishioners with odd jobs around their homes or businesses.  Usually yard work, shoveling snow, raking leaves, etc.

Thomas Megargle:

A "Pick a Number" is a large board (or whatever else you decide to use) with a bunch of numbers on it. The numbers include every number from 1-70, and they can be on the board in order or all mixed up (get creative!). **The idea is that friends and family can "Pick a Number" to donate.** (*I’m guessing the number you choose is the amount you donate.)*

Once they pick a number, that number is taken off the board (or X'ed out). This board could be set up at school, church, or work. And check this out - If all 70 numbers are taken, you'll raise $2,485. If only half of the numbers are taken, you'll still raise over a thousand dollars! And no single person had to give more than $70.

Note: You don't have to have exactly 70 numbers. Adjust up or down depending on the funds you need to raise!

Janell Greisen:

* Totally Catholic Rosary & Jewelry Sale (we time it just before Confirmation, First Eucharist and Mother's Day)
* Work with local businesses for their fundraising opportunities...local swim pool has a Kid's Night Out, Burgerville, etc.
* Envelope Campaign...Envelopes numbered 1-150.  People choose one or more envelopes that total the amount they would like to donate.  Inside each envelope is a picture of the youth going.  They keep the picture and pray for the youth and place their donation in the envelop.
* We have a garage sale each spring.
* We have a can drive each month during the school year and maybe one in the summer.
* We've had Bingo and Bunco Nights, sold movie tickets, Spaghetti Dinners, etc.

Jim DeLong:

We work with "totally catholic" selling awesome Christian jewelry. Owner was a former youth pastor. They send you jewelry, you sell it for couple of weekends, then send it back. They bill you for half of sales. No upfront investment or risk.

Natalie Scott:

Tamale Fundraisers with the wonderful Mexican mama’s at our parish raises up to $4,000.

Nicole Miller:

Our biggest fundraiser is a huge rummage sale in the spring. We fill our gym and everything is donation only so often people will give more than if you priced everything. We have increased our earnings every year as the word spreads... This year we made 1500.00

Whitney Compton:

Bumper stickers with the Church Logo

Sacred Heart Church Gear (selling high end polo’s and Jackets with the church Logo on it)

Mile Markers (where someone could pledge the $ amount for the miles it would take us to get to SNW – if you took the 50 mile marker then you would pledge 50 dollars)

Bake Sale

I pad Fundraiser

Medford Rogues Tickets – We teamed up with the local Baseball Team and sold tickets for their Church night

A Night Out – Wine, Dinner, and  tickets to see a live Shakespeare show

Spaghetti Dinner