

St. Bernard Parish Council

Minutes from August 8, 2016 Meeting

Members in attendance: Father Gregory, Andy Kleindl, Herb Reiling, Ralph Laumann, Brenda, Buckley Jones, Laura Templin, Julie Clemensen

Fundraiser/Community Events

Glad Days Booth: \$820-Rootbeerfloats and Sundaes

Garage Sale: unsure, matching funds Catholic United Financial

Chili Feed: Sandy Bengston, Paula Stevens 10/1/16, Raffle tickets are being sent out

Faith Formation Committee: Finance council meeting discussing the idea to have a Joint Faith Formation Fundraiser. CUF offered raffle for Ascension only, which makes it complicated to have our Faith Formation do this since the group is mixed. Not sure who would lead a fundraiser program leaders have their hands full. Recommend the Finance Councils meet between the two parishes to discuss.

Feast of St Bernard: Aug 20/21st: Father will purchase treats, Laura and Herb will help hand out.

Church Windows: Contract Signed, Color has been chosen by the team for the border, Cathedral Glass is starting North windows and will be done by Thanksgiving. Campaign progress. Roger would like the yearend financials out first.

PPC Candidates: "You Can be an Evangelist": August 17th 7-9pm at St Joseph's, Fr would like to invite the parish council. Our catechists will be going.

Brenda willing to become Council Chair if she has support. Laura will take minutes.

PPC Discussed Three top problems in the church today Liturgical calendar is in process. Discussed what is the mission of the Catholic Church?

Joint Parish BBQ/Picnic: September 10th 4 pm at the Legion Park

Need to work on more evangelization: Need more greeters and ushers to seat people as they come into church.

Father read his letter about Faith Formation changes and PPC provided feedback.

Holy Day/Holiday/Special Mass: Reviewed the Special Masses between August 2016 and January 1st 2016. Reviewed 2017 Special Mass schedule.

Discussed combining choirs between parishes when Mass is only one location.

Joint Trustee Meeting: St Bernard and Ascension Trustees

- MAIN FOCUS: Faith Formation
 - 1st Year of Combined Program—lots of challenges & opportunities
 - New Programs: Edge; CGS Level II
 - Integrate FF into Parish/develop community around FF: CGS work days, Meals, Greeters, Adoration, Children Stewardship idea, homilies

Parish Councils:

- 30 minutes each mtg to pray & discuss & discern where God is calling us--Divine Renovation Book

Hospitality

- Greeters: examples—Steve, Jân and I greeting outside Ascension before Mass
- Greeter Training August 23rd
 - Catholic Watchmen- for both parishes; meets at Ascension currently
 - o Engage men

Administration

- o Develop more organization/processes

Business Administrator attend councilmtgs

Challenging areas

- Facilities
 - o Ascension
 - Accessibility: 2 levels with steep stairs and small older elevator.
 - Community friendly: Lack of main level gathering.
 - Seating capacity
 - o St. Bernard
 - School building & convent
 - Accessibility: Parking lot on
 - Seating capacity

Cluster arrangement

- Distance
- 4 Sunday Masses—Sunday Mass counts beginning in Oct. 2016
- Inefficient use of resources- Jumping between parishes, one day here and one day there is not efficient

Ability to engage

- Parishioners
- Non-Parishioners

Me

- Engaging people—strength
- Administrate/Organize—weakness
- At 4 year mark—6 yr is generally decision point

Close with Prayer: Father

Meetings are every 2nd Monday. Next Meeting September 7, 2016



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PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION INSPIRATIONAL HOMILY



Weekend of October 8th & 9th

Mass Times: 5:15 pm (Sat)

8:30 & 10:30 am (Sun)

Speaker: Fr. Victor Warkulwiz, M.S.S.

Fr. Warkulwiz will speak on the benefits and necessity of Perpetual Adoration for our area. He has visited hundreds of parishes in our country and has dedicated himself to visiting a parish every weekend where the desire to establish Perpetual Adoration has been expressed. The fruits of his labor have been bountiful and include a spiritual renewal within each parish.

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