

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – February 1, 2017

Meeting was opened with prayer at 6:15pm. Attendance: Fr. Gregory, Sherri Witte, Doris Mielke, Herb Reiling, Ralph Laumann, Andy Kleindl, Laura Templin, Julie Clemensen.

Divine Renovation discussion – Chapter 5 (through page 110).

We are more focused on operation than on our mission. We need to intentionally mold our culture and our values. The mission is more important than the buildings. We need to be more intentional about the Sunday experience. Hospitality, welcoming and communication are very important.

For our next meeting, we'll read Chapter 5 pages 110 – 135.

We discussed the GROW report. It was noted that most responders were between the ages of 49 and 65. Faith Formation is very important among parishioners.

The Ascension Knights of Columbus are planning a pancake breakfast for Sunday, February 12th. Proceeds will go toward the Ascension and St Bernard Faith Formation program. All are invited to an open house of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atriums also.

Altar Servers- more are needed. Added 3rd grade. They'll all be cross trained so they can serve at both parishes.

Brenda will be inviting someone from each parish committee to attend our meetings and take information back to their committee.

We discussed how to make the parish pastoral council more action-oriented. We're going to start putting in the minutes what the action items are and who's assigned to each item. Laura will lead Chapter 5 discussion and take notes, assign tasks, etc.

Mass Counts – Attendance was taken at masses from 10/15/16 through 1/21/17 (with the exception of Christmas). An average of 85 people attended Saturday 8pm masses and an average of 114 attended Sunday 10am masses. There is room for 255 people in the church so that equates to 33% full at the 8pm masses and 45% full at the 10am masses.

Lent Stations of the Cross – Fr. Gregory is looking at possibly doing this differently. Tom Monsen said he would play music. We would have 3 stations per night and someone to give witness to one of those 3 stations and how it relates to a personal experience in their life.

Fish Frys – our parish will have 2 fish frys (March 10th and March 24th). The money will go toward Youth and Adult Faith Formation. Raffle tickets and quilt chances will also be sold during the fish frys.

Office Update (Sherry) – both Parish Pastoral Councils have agreed that a shared administrative resource would be a good solution for both parishes. Sherry is working on hiring someone.

Windows Update – plaster work started yesterday. We'll be submitting a proxy for the second half of the window project.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45. Next Meeting Wednesday, March 15 at 6:15pm.

St. Bernard Church—April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 ADULT CHOIR LEADS SINGING AT 10AM MASS	3 MASS 8AM	4 <i>Out Reach Mass At Ascen- sion-Eucharistic Adoration begins at 5:35 with Reconcilia- tion from 5:40-6:05pm. Mass at 6:15pm</i>	5 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AF- TER THE 8AM MASS UNTIL 8PM.	6 NO MASS	7 NO MASS	8 Church: Pam Wal- ter & Linda Rannow. Narthex: Victoria Arnst & Julie Clem-
9 ADULT CHOIR LEADS SINGING AT 10AM MASS	10 MASS 8AM	11 <i>Out Reach Mass & Light supper- At Ascension- Eucharistic Adoration begins at 5:35pm with Reconciliation from 5:40-6:05pm. Mass at 6:15pm.</i>	12 MASS 8AM	13 HOLY THURS- DAY MASS AT 7PM.	14 GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY AT 7PM	15 Church: Roger 7 JoAnn Schmitz. Nar- thex: Hammers. EASTER EGG
16 EASTER SUN- DAY MASS AT 8AM AND 10AM. ADULT CHOIR	17 MASS 8AM	18 <i>Out Reach Mass At Ascen- sion-Eucharistic Adoration begins at 5:35 with Reconcilia- tion from 5:40-6:05pm. Mass at 6:15pm</i>	19 MASS 8AM	20 NO MASS	21 NO MASS	22 Church: Sharon Willems & Donna Cebulla. Narthex: Kelly Starky
23	24 MASS 8AM	25 <i>Out Reach Mass At Ascension-Eucharistic Adoration begins at 5:35 with Reconciliation from 5:40-6:05pm. Mass at 6:15pm</i>	26 MASS 8AM	27 NO MASS	28 NO MASS	29 Church: John & Diane Wickenhauser. Narthex: Hammers
30						4-15-2017—SECOND ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT. 10:30AM ST. BERNARD SCHOOL BUILDING



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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

March 26, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

One year ago this month, Pope Francis bestowed on me the honor and responsibility of leading this Archdiocese. You may recall that it was a time of considerable uncertainty and unrest. We were trying to make sense of unspeakable harms that occurred over many decades. The abuse crisis had led to resignations, other personnel changes and legal challenges. There was a call for justice and a need for healing, reform and action.

Since arriving in our Archdiocese, I have come to know this local Church – and many of you – and I consider that a blessing. I want to take a few moments to offer some updates, seek your advice, and express my gratitude.

First, I can assure you that through consultation and purposeful corrective actions, and with an unwavering commitment to improve, we are together building a healthier, more responsive and more accountable local Church. Your prayers have undoubtedly been a huge part of that.

As you may recall, just over a year ago, the Archdiocese entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Ramsey County Attorney's Office relating to the protection of children. Since then, the Archdiocese has been periodically reporting on our progress in Ramsey County Court. Not only have we been found to have complied with the spirit and letter of the Agreement, but the Archdiocese has been commended for our cooperative work with the county attorney's office – and others – to protect children.

Over the past few months, many of you have asked about our remaining legal challenge: bankruptcy. You want to know if the Archdiocese is doing everything it can to ensure that those who were harmed receive fair compensation. You have also asked how your parish and the entire local Church will survive this and continue with their missions.

I can assure you that our goal has been to provide fair compensation as soon as possible. We have liquidated possessions, sold buildings, collected other assets, and negotiated with insurance carriers. We have managed to gather more than \$155 million, all with the hope of compensating claimants and finally bringing an end to the bankruptcy.

We know that those who have been harmed deserve justice sooner rather than later, and we realize that prolonged litigation works counter to our desire to maximize the amount available for victims because legal fees and costs, which are already substantial and grow the longer this goes on, reduce the proceeds available to victims. We also know how that the uncertainties of the ongoing litigation have made it difficult for many of our parishes and parishioners to stay focused on our mission. Please join me in praying that the matter might soon be brought to a resolution.

At the same time, I ask for your continued prayers for those who have suffered abuse. I can attest that many have suffered in silence for a long, long time. It may be someone sitting next to you at Mass, on the bus or a train, or at your family dining table. We want to create welcoming environments for those who have been harmed while embedding into our culture the changes necessary to create the safest possible environments for all.

If you know of a way that our Church could do more to help, please let me know. Reach out in whatever way is best for you. We want your advice. My contact information is at the bottom of this letter.

I thank you. We are, together, setting a new course. To be sure, we have much work ahead. But, through your efforts, this local Church is positioned to accomplish so many positive things and to continue the vital acts of service it performs every day. In taking stock of where we have been, where we are now and where we are headed, I am most grateful for our present opportunities. God willing – and with your help – we will continue moving toward a better future.

May God bless you and your families.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "+ Bernard A. Hebda". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis



Dear Guardian Angels School Families, Friends and Parishioners,

The 17th Annual Spring Fling dinner, dance and auction is coming up on Saturday, April 22th, 2017. This is the school's largest fundraiser of the year. Last year we raised an amazing \$45,000. All of our goals for last year's proceeds were met! This was all thanks to our many generous donors, attendees, and benefactors who made this event a success.

You may not realize it, but you have connections to local and national businesses, individuals, and organizations that may be willing to contribute to this event!

- Do you work at a hotel or know someone that does who would donate a stay?
- Do have a connection at one of the airlines or know someone that would donate air miles?
- Do you have a vacation home/time share you would be willing to donate for others to bid on and enjoy?
- Do you have a favorite restaurant, coffee shop, or movie theater that would donate a gift certificate?
- How about a hairdresser, massage therapist, craftsman or contractor that would donate their services?

Please take some time to think about what you do and who you know that may be able to help make the 2017 Spring Fling a huge success!

Simply email this year's Spring Fling committee members and we will be happy to assist with ideas, pick up an item or answer any questions you may have about an item. The deadline for donations is Friday, April 7th. If you are interested in helping out in other ways to this year's event, please let us know... new people bring new ideas! Our committee can be reached easily at springfling@gachaska.org.

We also hope you are able to join us on April 22nd for a fantastic evening of great food, fellowship, dancing, silent and live auction items and a whole lot of fun!

Warm regards,
Spring Fling Committee



Saturday, April 22, 2017 Six o'Clock in the Evening

Oak Ridge Hotel & Conference Center
1 Oak Ridge Drive
Chaska, Minnesota 55318

Register online at www.gaspringfling.org or complete & return this registration form to the school office accompanied with your payment.

Guest Information:

Guest Name (First/ Last):

Guest 1 name you wish to have on nametag:

Guest 2 name you wish to have on nametag:

Street Address:

Ticket Options (please add \$5 per person if purchasing after March 31st)

- ☐ Single Ticket (\$75)
- ☐ Couple Ticket (\$150)
- ☐ Single Ticket PLUS sponsor a teacher & spouse/ guest (\$225)
- ☐ Single Ticket PLUS sponsor a teacher (\$150)
- ☐ Couple Ticket PLUS sponsor a teacher & spouse/ guest (\$300)
- ☐ Couple Ticket PLUS sponsor a teacher (\$225)
- ☐ Sorry, I cannot attend, but please accept my donation of \$_____ in support of the school.