

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – June 12, 2017

Meeting was opened with prayer at 7:15pm. Attendance: Fr. Gregory, Sherry Witte, Doris Mielke, Herb Reiling, Ralph Laumann, Laura Templin, Brenda Jones, Julie Clemensen, and Guest Kara Wickenhauser

Committees

Religious Development- Kara came and gave an update on Faith Formation. The Early Bird Deadline was June 10th. So far there are 48 children registered. 30 have paid in full, 2 are paying electronically, 7 are paying half now and half in September. There are 9 that will receive free tuition for volunteering on a weekly basis. There has been a good response on volunteering, they are looking to train a few more catechists. Faith Formation will start mid September at St. Bernard and Ascension in January.

50 have signed up for meals. Last year there were 60-80 per meal. We have received donations for education assistance as well as for meals. More families are engaged due to the Atrium.

First Communion went well, there were 5 from St. Bernard and 8 from Ascension. Next year there will be 19 First Communicants.

Buildings and Grounds- The work needed to be done on the windows inside the church will start soon. The air conditioner will be in soon. They were just waiting for it to come in.

Joint Leader Ship Committee-Preliminary mission statement formulated: "Growing Together in Our Relationship in Christ". The next meeting is July 10th- they will meet with Roger Storms and Sue Tellers and talk about Stewardship and how to use the strengths from each parish to have a successful Stewardship campaign.

Sacraments- Baptisms on June 25th and July 2nd
Would like to create a Baptism team that would help families prepare for Baptism. We will update Facebook with the baptisms and weddings as a way of welcoming that is stated on the marquee. We would require permission to post.

Hospitality- There will be treats served after Mass on June 25th and July 2nd to welcome the newly baptized. We will have greeters at the door as well. We are still having coffee/treats on the last Wednesday of the month.

Divine Renovation discussion –pages 164 – 176 #7 Strength Based Ministry/Formation of Small Communities - How do we encourage each other's gifts. The little things can make a big impact by giving recognition of someone's actions and gifts. How can we use strength finders to help determine parishioners' gifts? This could be something that could be used as a part of stewardship.

Action Item - provide a one page summary of the PPC members in September to be included in the Stewardship letter. Father proposed doing a blessing of the councils.

Joint Parish Picnic will be after the 4pm Mass at St. Bernard's. NO Saturday Mass at Ascension. Picnic will be at Lions Park on September 9th.

Chili Feed (October 7th after 4pm Mass)– Brenda confirmed that Donna Tellers is working on the raffle and has gotten the requested the gambling license. Per Donna, Sandy Bengtson will help with coordinating the event. Brenda confirmed that The Free Spirits will perform at Mass.

May Minutes approved after required changes that needed to be made. Father asked the council what they thought about having Adoration 30 minutes before Mass one month a year. The Council was open to the idea There will be a Corpus Christi procession on Sunday, June 17th after the 10am Mass. The crucifix in the cemetery will also be dedicated at that time.

Glad Days Booth – Julie Kleindl will lead, but will need volunteers to help. She'll invite Faith Formation families and put in bulletin requesting help.

Women Bible Fellowship - A women's bible study group has been started on a small scale as a pilot. The group is a joint effort between St. Bernard and Ascension. They are meeting in June on Saturday mornings. The time consists of a half hour walk, breakfast and fellowship and then talking about a passage in the bible. There were 9 in the first week, 8 the second time. There will be a break in July.

Office Update (Sherry) – Sherry and Ralph are attending the Catholic Mutual Insurance Seminar on June 13th. They will be discussing the first three sections of the financial manual.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm. Next Meeting Monday, July 31st at 7:00pm.