

CCBC Pastoral Council Minutes

September 10, 2019

The Catholic Churches of Barber County Pastoral Council held its regular quarterly meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Sharon on September 10, 2019. Chairperson Kay Koger called the meeting to order with members Father Mark Brantley, Diane Seiler, Chuck Graves, Bev Miller, Rayann Rucker, Darren Hern, and Anne Schreiner present. Rob Paxon, John Forester and secretary Walinda Phillips were absent.

Father Mark began the meeting by leading the council in prayer. The minutes of the May meeting were approved.

Parish Reports:

Parish representatives reported on their activities since the last meeting.

St. Boniface members reported they'd had one wedding, and Totus Tuus had been very well attended.

Holy Rosary reported a very quiet quarter, but noted that the daily Mass has been especially well attended whenever brunch is served after.

St. John reported that they had held their Tacos in the Park event, and has already begun the PSR year. All three parishes enjoyed hosting Seminarian John Stang for most of the summer.

Pastor's Report:

Father Mark discussed plans for the retraining of Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and training for new ones. He will include a note in the bulletin about times retraining/recertification and training will be held. An October 30 evening session at Medicine Lodge is tentatively planned.

Father asked the council for a consensus about signing the three parishes up for Flocknote, which is a web-based service that allows he and other administrators for the various ministries and groups within the parishes to receive notices and information very quickly. Parishioners would add themselves to whatever groups are pertinent to them and request either text or email notifications, or for an additional charge, voice mails. The council agreed Father should proceed.

Father Mark suggested hosting "An Evening with the Pastor," a question and answer program where parishioners (or anyone) could attend and ask questions about any church-related subject. The council welcomed the idea, so he will schedule those sessions sometime in November. Kiowa's will be held after Mass on Sunday, with Sharon and Medicine Lodge held on a Wednesday evening.

Father asked the council their opinion about his offering some form of adult education. The council welcomed this idea also, so Father will look for materials/programs.

Father questioned if it was time for a new parish picture directory or census, but as one was done in 2017, the council prefers to wait a while for that project.

Father also asked the council's view on having a Catholic movie night for adults, or some other social event where parishioners could gather and enjoy fellowship this winter in January or February when there is little else going on. The council agreed with this idea, but no definite plans or dates were set as yet.

Old Business:

Father reported that he has scheduled a 3-day Lenten retreat/Parish mission with Bishop Gilmore and Jacqueline Lowe entitled "Grace That Reigns." It will be held March 2-4, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, in Medicine Lodge. The retreat is directed primarily toward adults, and the last evening will include Adoration and Ms. Lowe's healing ministry.

New Business:

The council and Father set the next round of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for all three parishes. Adoration with Reconciliation is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23rd in Sharon from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., Sunday, October 27th in Kiowa immediately after the 10:30 Mass, and Wednesday, November 7th in Medicine Lodge from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

The 2020 Mass schedule will follow the rotation the council set last year. The Saturday evening Mass will be at 5:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary, Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. at St. John, followed by 10:30 a.m. at St. Boniface. There will be a change to the Wednesday daily Mass schedule. Instead of a morning Mass, this year we will experiment with a 5:30 p.m. Mass in Medicine Lodge to give working people an opportunity to attend.

Bev asked if the council would like to distribute some type of daily reading or meditation booklet for Advent this year as we have in the past, and the council agreed to. Bev will take care of ordering those booklets. A discussion about ordering lector's books, the ordo, and the Word at Home was held, and Bev and Diane together will take care of that task.

The council set the Holy Day schedules:

All Saints Day:

October 31 at 5:30 p.m. in Kiowa

November 1 at noon in Medicine Lodge

November 1 at 5:30 p.m. in Sharon

Christmas and Mary, Mother of God (January 1):

December 24 and December 31 at 4:30 p.m. in Sharon

December 24 and December 31 at 6:30 p.m. in Kiowa

December 25 and January 1 at 9:00 a.m. in Medicine Lodge

The next Pastoral Council meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on January 7 at Holy Rosary in Medicine Lodge.

In closing, Father led the council in the Our Father.