

CCBC Pastoral Council Minutes

January 7, 2020

The Catholic Churches of Barber County Pastoral Council held its regular quarterly meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary on January 7, 2020. Chairperson Kay Koger called the meeting to order with members Father Mark Brantley, Chuck Graves, Bev Miller, Rayann Rucker, Darren Hern, Anne Schreiner, and Diane Seiler present. John Forester and Rob Paxson were absent.

Father Mark began the meeting by leading the council in the Our Father. The minutes of the September 2019 meeting were approved.

Parish Reports:

Parish representatives reported on their activities since the last meeting.

St. John presented a slide show of the Italy pilgrimage. The parish held their annual Living Nativity and served a meal following. DRE Lindsay McMoran and one high school student attended the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis. Since the Sunday Mass schedule changes, St. John's Sunday morning adult Bible study is now held immediately after Mass rather than before.

St. Boniface had a funeral with hosted a large dinner, 2 baptisms, and reported very large attendance at the 4:30 Christmas Vigil.

At Holy Rosary, Father conducted training for current and new Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. Several parishioners went on the Italy pilgrimage with Father. The parish had one funeral. The PSR presented a Christmas program with a parish dinner following, and also in December there was a birthday party for Father Mark after Saturday evening Mass. Breakfast was served for Mass attendees on Christmas Day, and breakfast is still frequently served after daily Mass the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Pastor's Report:

Father Mark presented the flyer for the upcoming Lenten Retreat and Parish Mission, "Grace that Reigns," which will be conducted March 2-4 at St. Boniface by Bishop Gilmore and Jacqueline Loh of Vancouver. Father said it's urgent that we get more people involved to help with it specifically as well as our various parish ministries and activities generally because too few of the same people are always burdened with doing too much.

Father also informed the council that because of the outbreak of church shootings around the country, all churches are soon going to be required to make plans for their own security. He said that Brian Withrow, who has a background in law enforcement, will survey all three parishes and report his recommendations about measures we can take to enhance security and awareness since no church is immune and it is very likely that all insurance companies will soon require that plans be in place. The council agreed that this was an unfortunate but necessary step we must take.

Father asked for assistance from some of our more tech-savvy parishioners with implementing Flocknote.

Father also informed the council that he will be gone on vacation from February 3-20.

Old Business:

There was no unfinished business discussed.

New Business:

Father Mark suggested waiting until after the Lenten Retreat to set a new schedule for Adoration and Reconciliation.

The next recommissioning/training for extraordinary ministers will be the weekend of January 18-19.

Lent and Easter holiday masses were discussed with the following rotation approved:

Ash Wednesday February 26:

7:30 a.m. at Sharon

5:30 p.m. at Kiowa

7:30 p.m. at Medicine Lodge

Daily Masses followed by Stations of the Cross will begin at 5:30 pm in Medicine Lodge on Wednesday evenings, 6:00 p.m. in Kiowa on Thursday evenings, and at 5:30 p.m. Fridays in Sharon. The Tuesday morning Mass at Medicine Lodge will remain at 9:00 a.m.

No daily Masses will be held the week of the Lenten Retreat, March 2-6.

Holy Thursday--April 9, 7 p.m. at Sharon

Good Friday--April 10:

1:00 p.m. at Sharon

5:30 p.m. at Kiowa

7:30 p.m. at Medicine Lodge

Easter--April 11-12:

Vigil 8:00 p.m. at Sharon

Sunday 8:30 a.m. at Kiowa

Sunday 10:30 a.m. at Medicine Lodge

The council discussed the ongoing quality problems with the palms purchased from Zeiglers over the past few years and agreed that we will find a different supplier in the future if they don't fix the issues this year.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 21st at 6:00 p.m. at St. John.

In closing, Father led the council in the Hail Mary.