

CCBC Pastoral Council Minutes

February 9, 2021

The Catholic Churches of Barber County Pastoral Council met at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary on February 9, 2021. Chairperson Kay Koger called the meeting to order with members Father Mark Brantley, John Forester, Bev Miller, and Chuck Graves present. Rayann Rucker, Anne Schreiner, Darrin Hern, Diane Seiler, and Daryl Honas were absent.

Father Mark began the meeting by leading the council in prayer. The minutes of the September 2020 meeting were approved.

Parish Reports:

Parish representatives reported on their activities since the last meeting, which are still limited by the ongoing pandemic restrictions.

Father reported St. Boniface had installed a small heating and air conditioning unit in the sacristy which makes it much more comfortable. Previously there had been no heating or cooling at all.

St. John reported they held “The Search” classes during Advent and continue to have adult education on Sunday mornings after mass. The PSR classes have met a few times, but not regularly just yet. St. John is planning a cupcake “Grab and Go” on Sunday February 14th in lieu of their regular Mardi Gras celebration.

Kay reported that Holy Rosary has held four funerals since the last meeting, Gladys Christiansen, Evan Withrow, Vernon Rinke, and Eric Junger, and one baptism. At the end of January, Holy Rosary hosted brunch after the Tuesday morning mass, although it was reduced in scale by Covid concerns.

Pastor’s Report/New Business:

Father Mark reported that the Holy Land pilgrimage in late September is on and is nearly full already.

We will hold a Lenten retreat, “Close Encounters of the Best Kind,” at Sharon on March 7, 8, and 9 at 7:00 p.m. each evening. The retreat will be led by Father Orr from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish in Wichita. No refreshments are planned, again due to pandemic precautions.

The next Adoration and Reconciliation rotation will be scheduled at the April meeting. Father’s calendar between this meeting and the next is already very full so everyone agreed it was best to resume after Easter.

The company which provides service for the sound systems in all three parishes is going out of business, so Father Mark is looking around for another service provider. There was some discussion about potential future problems created by the advance of 5G cell service in the area because it operates on the same frequency as our sound systems. Other sound system issues were discussed but no action taken.

The council held a short discussion about changing the bulletin format. A few ideas were brought forward and discussed but no decisions made.

The new solid core doors discussed at the last meeting have been installed in the rectory and Father reports they make a noticeable difference.

Father asked the council to continue to encourage parishioners to take part in E-giving. It has proven to be of great benefit in leveling out the income/cash flow at all three parishes.

Lent/Holy Week:

The council set the Lent and Holy Week schedule. Father has decided that this year there will be only one Ash Wednesday mass, largely because the pandemic has caused major changes in how ashes are to be distributed and Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

Ash Wednesday, February 17: 5:30 p.m. at Holy Rosary

Holy Thursday, April 1: 7:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary

Good Friday, April 2: 1:00 p.m. at St. Boniface; 5:00 p.m. at St. John; 7:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary

Easter Vigil, April 3: 8:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary

Easter Sunday, April 4: 8:30 a.m. at St. John; 10:30 a.m. at St. Boniface

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 13, at 7:00 p.m. at St. John.

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