

CCBC Pastoral Council Minutes

August 22, 2023

The Pastoral Council of the Catholic Churches of Barber County met at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Rosary in Medicine Lodge. Chairperson Kay Koger called the meeting to order with Father Emmanuel Kosikumah and members Diane Seiler, Darryl Honas, Rayanne Rucker, Anne Schreiner, Chuck Graves, Brian Withrow, John Forester, Bev Miller, and church secretary Emmie Landwehr present. Darrin Hern was absent.

Father Emmanuel began the meeting by leading the council in prayer. Kay asked that all the council members present review the minutes from the May meeting and bring any objections or corrections to her attention. With no corrections being raised, the minutes were approved.

Parish Reports

Parish representatives reported on their activities since the last meeting:

St. John reports they the parish had a meal for the Totus Tuus team and a Parish dinner since the last meeting.

St. Boniface reports having four funerals; Norman Fischer, Helen Eck, Randy Ricke, and Sandy Blick, and one baptism (Landwehr). They report that the turnout for Totus Tuus was successful with 22 youth members in attendance.

Holy Rosary reports two baptisms (Murphy & Hahn) and one Rosary for Roger Ringer.

Review of old Business

The council members discussed the previous business on parish statistics and honorariums. The conclusion for the parish statistics was to have a member from each finance council to look at the existing copies and compare them to the members who attend currently. The parishioners mentioned to help with this task are Karin Traffas, Carl Helfrich, Brian Withrow and Diane Seiler. Father discussed that he would like to have a document made to explain honorariums, but it should not list a specific price to pay to the Priest. Kay offered to make a document with the guidelines.

New Business

The council reviewed the upcoming Mass time change, along with Holy Days of Obligation, Christmas, and the Advent season. The plan for the Mass times are as follows:

All Saints Day (November 1st)

October 31st (Vigil Mass) – St. John at 5:30 p.m.

November 1st – St. Boniface 8:30 a.m. & Holy Rosary 6 p.m.

New Mass Times (in effect December 3rd)

Saturday at 5 p.m. – Holy Rosary in Medicine Lodge

Sunday at 8:30 a.m. – St. John in Kiowa

Sunday at 10:30 a.m. – St. Boniface in Sharon

Feast of the Immaculate Conception (December 8th)

December 7th (Vigil Mass) – St. John at 5:30 p.m.

December 8th – St. Boniface at 8:30 a.m. & Holy Rosary at 5:30 p.m.

Advent Penance Service (tentative dates and times)

December 19th – St. Boniface at 5 p.m.

December 20th – St. John at 4 p.m.

December 21st – Holy Rosary at 6 p.m.

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

December 24th – St. John 8:30 a.m. (Sunday Mass) & 5 p.m. (Christmas Eve Mass)

December 24th – St. Boniface 10:30 a.m. (Sunday Mass)

December 25th – 8:30 a.m. Holy Rosary & 10:30 a.m. St. Boniface

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (January 1st)

December 31st (Vigil Mass) – St. John at 5 p.m.

January 1st – 8:30 a.m. Holy Rosary & 10:30 a.m. St. Boniface

The council also discussed bringing back the idea of a small Christmas gift for the children of Barber County to be handed out at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. Bev Miller said that she would ask Lindsay McMoran if she would be willing to be in charge of this.

Kay brought up the idea of hosting a Lenten retreat during the upcoming Lenten season. It was discussed by the members of the council, and all were in agreement to look into the cost of a retreat. They council members that attended that the last retreat hosted by Bishop Gilmore and Jacqueline Loh report that this event was well attended. Father Emmanuel verbalized that he would inquire about the retreats that will be available through the Diocese. Father would also like to have a time set out for Adoration during the Lenten season.

Brian Withrow and Father Emmanuel discussed the upcoming NCYC event. Emmie reports that there are 13 youth members and 5 chaperones that will be attending this event. It was decided by Father Emmanuel that whatever funds are not fundraised by the youth members of the parish, the Tri-Parish council will cover the remaining balance.

Kay provided each council member with a copy of the Diocesan policy regarding Mass Intentions. Brian Withrow and Father Emmanuel further explained the policy. It was decided that Brian will start a new bank account specific for Mass Intentions. After discussion with the council members, it was agreed that we will make this a combined account for all three parishes.

Brian also discussed that there is a married couple who are interested in becoming Catholic and starting RCIA classes. We also discussed that Confirmation is scheduled to occur at Holy Rosary this year. It was agreed that Cheri Dohrman would be the best person to address this with.

The next meeting will be on January 9th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Boniface.

The meeting was closed with Father Emmanuel leading us in the Hail Mary and Glory Be.