

CCBC Pastoral Council Minutes

January 9, 2024

The Pastoral Council of the Catholic Churches of Barber County met at 6:30 p.m. at St. Boniface in Sharon. Chairperson Kay Koger called the meeting to order with Father Emmanuel Kosikumah, visiting priest Father Patrick, and members Diane Seiler, Darryl Honas, Anne Schreiner, Chuck Graves, Darryl Honas, John Forester, Bev Miller, and Darrin Hern present. Rayann Rucker and Emmie Landwehr were 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 August meeting and bring any objections or corrections forward. With no corrections suggested, Chuck Graves moved to approve the minutes, John Forrester seconded, and the minutes were approved. However, Father Emmanuel noted that the agenda for this meeting did not include anything about the honorariums page we discussed at the last meeting. Kay agreed to have a draft ready to present at the next meeting.

Parish Reports

Parish representatives reported on their activities since the last meeting:

St. Boniface reported a baptism for Chris and Brianna Fisher's son Ellis. The funeral for Ruth Blick was held. The parish was visited by Bishop John Brungardt on December 10th. Darrin reported that Christmas Eve Mass was well attended. Anne and Darrin informed the council that member Rayann Rucker is resigning for health reasons, and they are searching for her replacement.

St. John reported the parish had their annual living nativity and enjoyed a visit from Bishop John on December 10th. They celebrated a wedding on November 18th for Katie Hocken and Elias Garred.

Holy Rosary reports a family of five has entered the RCIA program. A reception was held in November for long-time parishioners Miles and Linda Sheldon, who have relocated to Michigan to be near their daughter. The Women of Holy Rosary held a Soup Supper and Silent Auction fundraiser on November 26th. The parish hosted a fried chicken dinner for Bishop Brungardt after Mass on December 9th, and the Parish School of Religion had a Christmas program and potluck dinner on December 13th. Diane noted that the leftovers from the November fundraiser came in handy at these events.

Review of Old Business

The council members discussed updating parish statistics and getting them to Emmie so she can send them to the diocese by the February 2nd deadline.

New Business

Father Emmanuel reported that several local representatives had attended a laity meeting for vocations in Dodge City. Each parish is to form a vocations committee and provide a contact person's name to the diocese. Sharon's representatives at the meeting were Cindy Ash and Doug Schmidt, Kiowa's was Lindsay McMoran, and Medicine Lodge's were Brian Withrow and Nick Schmidt.

Kay informed the council that Emmie Landwehr has submitted her resignation as parish secretary, citing her upcoming wedding and other time constraints. She has agreed to continue until March 1st to allow

time to find and train a replacement. The council agreed to explore options that might encourage Emmie to continue in the position before beginning the search for her replacement.

Father noted that he signs the checks for Holy Rosary and St. Boniface but not for St. John, and would like to begin signing for them also because as pastor, it is his responsibility and prerogative to sign all checks. Bev agreed to pass this on to their bookkeeper.

Kay reported that she has spoken with Dave DiNuzzo, a Catholic speaker from Beloit, about the possibility of having him present a one-day retreat in March. The council agreed to ask him to present a program on Saturday, March 23rd, at Holy Rosary for all Barber County parishioners for his regular fee of \$2500. Details will be determined.

The council set schedules for Lent and Easter as follows:

Ash Wednesday—February 14

St. Boniface--8:00 a.m.

St. John—5:15 p.m.

Holy Rosary—7:15 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

St. Boniface—Friday mornings following regular 8:30 a.m. Mass

St. John—Thursday mornings following regular 8:30 a.m. Mass

Holy Rosary—Wednesday evenings after regular 6:00 p.m. Mass

Lenten Penance Service (tentative dates and times)

February 22—St. John at 5:00 p.m. followed by Mass and parish soup supper

March 6—Holy Rosary at 6:00 p.m. followed by Mass (no Stations of the Cross)

March 20—St. Boniface at 6:30 p.m. (in place of PSR)

Holy Week

Holy Thursday, March 28 – Holy Rosary at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, March 29—St. Boniface at 1:00 p.m.; St. John at 3:00 p.m.; Holy Rosary at 5:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil, March 30—Holy Rosary at 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, March 31—St. John at 8:30 a.m.; St. Boniface at 10:30 a.m.

Darrin suggested that the council discuss Mass security at a meeting soon, and Kay will add it to the agenda of our April meeting.

The next meeting will be at St. John, April 30, at 6:30 p.m.

Father Patrick closed the meeting with a prayer, and all prayed the Hail Mary for vocations.