

CCBC Pastoral Council Minutes

February 25th, 2025

The Pastoral Council of the Catholic Churches of Barber County met at 6:30 p.m. at St. John the Apostle in Kiowa. Chairperson Kay Koger called the meeting to order with Father Emmanuel and members Bev Miller, Diane Seiler, Darryl Honas, John Forester, Chuck Graves, Mason Eck, Karen Traffas and secretary Malia Murphy present. Darin Hern was absent.

Father Emmanuel began the meeting by leading the council in prayer. Kay asked all the members present to review the minutes from the November meeting and bring any objections or corrections to her attention. With no corrections being raised, Chuck moved the minutes be approved and Bev seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.

Parish Reports

Parish representatives reported on their activities since the last meeting:

St. John held a Christmas Program and Nativity. They also held the funeral for Bob and Lori Schrock. The new blinds have been hung and the Parish Hall's floors were refinished.

Holy Rosary held a Christmas Program followed by a potluck.

St. Boniface had no news to report.

Father Emmanuel's Report

Father reported that the diocesan Chrism Mass is April 10th.

He also expressed concerns about the composition of the council. In order for the correct information to get distributed where it needed to in each parish, Father feels there should be representation from each parish finance council on the pastoral council. However, there were concerns raised about establishing this new requirement, and it was suggested that representatives from finance councils should be invited only when needed.

Father reported that he received notice from the Diocese that the mileage reimbursement has been raised to \$0.70.

Father confirmed that Bishop John's visit has been rescheduled for the 10th and 11th of May when he will be celebrating Confirmation in Sharon.

Old Business

The council discussed a date for the Volunteer Appreciation Celebration, and it was decided to hold a potluck at Holy Rosary in Medicine Lodge after 10:30 am Mass on May 11th when the Bishop is visiting.

New Business

Members discussed and established Mass times for the upcoming Ash Wednesday Mass, Lenten Penance Services, Triduum Schedule, and Stations of the Cross:

Ash Wednesday – March 5th

St. Boniface – 5:30 pm

Holy Rosary – 7:00 pm

St. John – 8:30 am

Lenten Penance Services

St John – April 3rd, 6:00 pm (Mass followed by Penance Service)

Holy Rosary – April 9th, 5:30 pm (Penance Service followed by Mass)

St. Boniface – April 11th, 5:00 pm

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday – Sharon, 6:00 pm

Good Friday – Kiowa, 5:00 pm (Stations of the Cross before Mass)

Easter Vigil – Medicine Lodge, 8:30 pm

Easter Sunday – Kiowa, 8:30 am and Sharon, 10:30 am

Stations of the Cross

Holy Rosary – Before Mass on Wednesdays

St. Boniface – Before Fish Fry on Fridays (except Good Friday)

St. John the Apostle – 8:30 am on Thursdays

Kay brought up the possibility of having Zoom Meetings instead of cancelling during times of inclement weather. There were also suggestions for adjusting the meeting to later in the week if need be.

Members discussed donating to a family/person in need (\$225.00 or \$75.00 per parish). It will be discussed at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be on May 6th at Holy Rosary at 6:00 pm.

Father closed the meeting with the Hail Mary and the council prayed for Pope Francis.