

CCBC Pastoral Council Minutes

August 5th, 2025

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 and members Darryl Honas, John Forester, Karen Traffas and secretary Malia Murphy present, as well as Carol Ricke, who represented the St. Boniface Finance Council. Darin Hern, Bev Miller, Diane Seiler, Mason Eck, and Chuck Graves were absent.

Father Emmanuel began the meeting by leading the council in prayer. Kay asked all the members present to 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 reported that Bishop John and a large group from the Chancery had visited on pilgrimage, and that St. John's air conditioner went out in the Parish Hall. It is being repaired.

Holy Rosary hosted a Tri-Parish Volunteer Appreciation lunch and also welcomed the bishop's group on the pilgrimage.

St. Boniface reported that the lunch with the bishop and pilgrims went well. They celebrated 11 Confirmations and 4 First Communions.

Father Emmanuel's Report

Father announced the dates he is planning to be gone on vacation for, which will be October 1st through November 7th. During this time, he has already set up 4-5 priests to be here to celebrate our parish masses.

He also informed the council that a priest from Unbound will visit our parishes the weekend of November 8-9.

Old Business

The council discussed the outcome from the Volunteer Appreciation lunch that was held at Holy Rosary. Everyone felt there was good attendance from Holy Rosary and St. Boniface, and there was a few representing St. John. Karen regretted that no one spoke in appreciation of the volunteers.

The Emergency Relief Fund was discussed again. The Holy Rosary Council had met a few days earlier, and there were a few people who had brought up concerns about all the parishes pooling money together and how the decisions would be made about dispensing the funds. After much discussion, the council agreed that it would be a good idea to pool all the money together as has been done in the past and that the Tri-Parish Council should have the final say about distribution of the funds. The general consensus was that the fund should be limited to people from the parishes who were in need or were involved in an emergency situation. A decision was tabled until the next meeting when there will likely be more council members attending.

New Business

The times were set for the Feast of the Assumption on August 15th. They are as follows; St. Boniface 7:30 a.m., St. John 5:00 p.m., and Holy Rosary 7:00p.m.

Because All Saints Day falls on Saturday this year, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has abrogated the obligation so there will be no special mass times.

The council discussed publishing an updated Tri-Parish Directory. Lifetouch had previously been contracted to produce the directories; however, Father has been solicited repeatedly by a different church directory company. He and Kay agreed that they both seemed very expensive, so Kay has been researching different options and found several other companies, and some options for self-publishing. There was discussion about using a local photographer and producing a directory within the parishes. There have been some parishioners who have reached out to the council about adding contact information into the directory. The matter will be discussed again at the next meeting.

St. Boniface brought up that the Finance Council had discussed fixing several areas including the roof, bathrooms, flooring in classrooms, and doors. They were planning to slowly start working on repairs.

The next meeting will be on November 11th at St. John at 6:30 pm.

Father closed the meeting with the Hail Mary.