

## **St. Michael Parish Pastoral Council**

### **April 12, 2010 Minutes**

Attendees: Fr. John Fischer, Deacon Ken DeHanes, Brian Bisig, Lori Ann Fothergill, Alan Heilers, Scott Hungler, Tom Jansing, Brenda Kuhr, Diana O'Hara, Jim Konves & Jason Sauer

Fr. John led us in opening prayer and gave us an overview of his sabbatical. He shared with us his icon and how it was written. Fr. John answered questions about his travels and time away.

Deacon Ken gave his report. He highlighted the success of the Lenten Service Reconciliation. Approximately 260 people were in attendance with 6 priests hearing confessions on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, there have been 23 children baptized over the past three months.

Brian gave an update on how well coverage for each mass went during Fr. John's sabbatical. We had only a handful of priests covering all of our masses.

Brian discussed the upcoming Confirmation on Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. First Communions will be celebrated on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 and May 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30

The Worship Committee has begun discussions of the new translation of the Roman Missal. The tentative implementation of this is April 2011. The biggest changes are going to be for the priests and the bishops. There won't be a lot of impact for the parishioners. Fr. John answered questions on this translation.

Fr. John also discussed that Archbishop Schnurr would be here on May 27<sup>th</sup> with the Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre. St. Michael's has the largest number of Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre of any parish in the Archdiocese. This is one of the highest honors that the Holy Father bestows upon laity and clergy.

Scott reviewed the financial report. He answered several questions about the PTO and Booster bank accounts were currently handled. The PTO has a large balance currently in their account. (They usually keep one year in reserve.) Both the PTO and the Boosters fall under the parish. Scott gets their books one time per year to review.

There was also much discussion on the Debt Reduction Program. The announcements at the masses last week were well done and the message was conveyed to the parishioners. The target amount to collect is \$550,000 to completely eliminate our debt with the Archdiocese over a two year period. There are meetings to be held three nights this week for 180 families to answer questions on the campaign.

Lori Anne Fothergill discussed in depth the Religious Education program and its success. This year the kids will be participating in "Pennies for Pigs" to contribute towards the Festival. This is another way to bridge the gap between REP and day school students

The pre-school coordinator will be stepping down and Lori Anne is looking to fill that position. Additionally, one more catechist is needed to take over a room with 16 kids, 7 of whom are special needs.

Lori Anne also led a discussion and asked for idea on how we could successfully get teens to discern into other groups, such as Parish Council. They are very active and do discern but generally to the same groups.

Old Business:

This was Jason Sauer's last official meeting as PPC President. He will remain on the council for another year to assist. Jim Konves will assume this role effective immediately.

Diana O'Hara will assume the role of PPC Secretary from Bob Letourneau. This is also effective immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana O'Hara