

St. Benignus Parish Pastoral Council meeting March 8, 2005

The Parish Council met March 8, 2005, preceded by Mass. Present were members Sue Smith, Kathie Poole, Anita O'Connor, Pat Hays, Eric Givens, Kristy Bruckner, Kristy Bockrath, Bob Everhart and Fr. Frank. Staff members present were Alanna Kingsolver, Nancy Williams and Kathy Henry.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Kathie Poole reported that the Kairos Weekend was a success. Greenfield was responsible for 400 dozen cookies and reached 853 dozen. The next Kairos weekend is in August. There has been \$519 collected so far for Habitat through the Friday Lenten meals.

Eric Givens reported that there is \$25,582 in the church checking account, and that \$25,000 has been invested with the Archdiocese. The rose window project is yet to be paid for. He also reported that the collections have been good.

Pat Hays gave an update on the rose window project. The window frame has been received by the contractor and the glass has been cut. Installation will take approximately 5 days and is tentatively scheduled for the week after Easter.

Kristy Bockrath reported that the Worship Committee has made plans through Lent and that she will meet with Father Frank to finalize plans for Easter. The recent parish survey indicated that 16 people were interested in participating in the choir. She also reported in behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary. The recent bake sale netted \$135, the religious goods sale grossed \$541 with the Auxiliary receiving 20% of sales, and that the rummage sale will be held in May. The spring social will be scheduled for April.

Anita O'Connor reported that the welcome baskets have been prepared and will be distributed. She also said that weekend fellowship was going well but that more volunteers are needed.

Kathy Henry, DRE, reported that a request has been made to the Archdiocese to schedule confirmation for April or May, 2006. 7th through 10th graders will be involved and a preparation class will be scheduled. She also reported that the 3 first communicants have started their instruction. Regarding PSR classes, May 15th, Pentecost, is the final day of classes.

Bob Everhart reported that hot water has been installed in the bathroom, and that a new floor has been installed. The fountain will also be worked on.

Father Frank reported on the progress of the Annual Archbishop's Fund Drive. Although we are near our goal, only 39 persons have responded with pledges and contributions. He reiterated how important it was for all parishioners to participate. Since the Pope has declared 2005 as the year of the Eucharist, he plans on having a procession on the Feast

of Corpus Christi. The Holy Week schedule is as follows: Holy Thursday 8 PM (in English and Spanish); Good Friday, 12 Noon (English) and 7 PM (Spanish); Easter Vigil 8 PM, with a reception afterwards. There will be about 12 persons received into the church at the Vigil, and about 15 children baptized on Easter Sunday.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 3.