

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
November 9, 2004

The St. Benignus Parish Pastoral Council meeting was held November 9, 2004 in the Religious Education Building, preceded by mass.

The following members were present: Fr. Frank, Sue Smith, Pat Hays, Kristy Bruckner, Kristy Bockrath, Anita O'Connor, Eric Givens, and Bob Everhart. Also in attendance were Alanna Kingsolver, Custodian, Kathy Henry, DRE and Nancy Williams, Parish Secretary.

Bob Everhart was welcomed as a new member of council as the appointed head of the Buildings, Grounds and Cemetery Commission. Jerry Uhl was thanked for his years of service on this commission.

Pat Hays gave council an update on the rose window project. The contract has been signed for the replacement of the frame at an estimated cost of \$15,500. The frame will be installed in 12 to 14 weeks, contingent on weather. The frame will be white aluminum with insulated glass. The cost does not include any repair work needed on the inside of the building, nor for any decorative or stained glass.

Sue Smith read a report from Kathie Poole who was absent and excused from the meeting. The Thanksgiving food collection will be held the weekend of November 21st and 22nd and through to Thanksgiving day. The prayer chain will continue as is and then will be revamped after the holidays. Plans are underway for the annual Christmas community dinner. The giving tree will again be put up this year. A letter was submitted from the Highland County CAO for help with their Christmas fund raising. It was mentioned that the Ladies Auxiliary normally donates money to the local Needy Kids project. A poster written in both English and Spanish will be posted in the kitchen regarding clean-up after events. "Souper" Bowl Sunday has been scheduled for February 6, 2005.

Eric Givens presented the financial reports for the parish, noting that weekly collections have not increased as we had hoped.

Kristy Bockrath reported on the Worship Commission activities. The new missalettes have been delivered. The December calendar/mass schedule was reviewed.

December 4 & 5	Religious Goods Sale & Parish Fellowship	
December 7	Vigil Mass	7 PM
December 8	(Holy Day of Obligation)	7 AM
December 16	Advent Penance Service	7 PM
December 24	Children's Christmas Mass	5 PM

December 25	Midnight Mass (English & Spanish) Mass NO 4:30 PM Mass	12 AM 11 AM
December 26	Mass	11 AM
December 28	Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Dinner	6 :30 PM
December 31	No Mass	
January 1	Holy Day Mass Mass	11 AM 4:30 PM
January 2	Mass Parish Christmas Dinner	11 AM Noon

Kristy thanked Ann Marie Gunderman for helping out with Worship and playing the organ at Mass.

Kristy Bockrath also reported on the activities of the ladies auxiliary. The recent rummage sale netted \$400. There will be a bake sale November 20th and 21st along with the sale of some Advent items. The auxiliary will also participate in the community craft show to be held November 27th. The need was expressed for more tables and a new stove in the church basement.

Anita O'Connor reported on Parish Fellowship. She will be placing a sign-up sheet in the church for parishioners to volunteer as hosts for the monthly event. This new idea will be in upcoming bulletins. She will also put together welcome baskets for new parishioners.

Kathy Henry, DRE, reported on the religious education in the parish. She stated that the rosary project has been successful. This is an ongoing project to encourage our youth to become familiar with the rosary. The rosaries are being sent to the troops overseas. PSR is considering a group event for December 5th, and the possibility of a play for the annual parish Christmas dinner. She also reported that St. Mary's Hillsboro is considering strategic planning. The plan is Catholic-based. Fr. Frank indicated that he would try to attend the sessions if St. Mary's goes ahead with the project.

Father Frank gave his report to council. He is attempting to initiate a parish census via phone, and that he would like to start home visits. RCIA is going very well, with the possibility of 8 adult baptisms for Easter. Ash Wednesday is February 9th, and the Right of Election is scheduled for February 13th in Cincinnati. Father wants to continue the Friday night Stations of the Cross, followed by the Lenten meals. Christmas decorations will be put up December 19th after Mass, and parishioners are encouraged to help.

The next meeting of Parish Council is scheduled for January 4, 2005.

