

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting November 8, 2005

The St. Benignus Parish Pastoral Council met November 8, 2005 preceded by Mass. Those attending included members Kristy Bruckner, Sue Smith, Eric Givens, Bob Everhart, Jim Merkowitz, Kelly McManus and Kristy Bockrath. Also present were Fr. Frank, Kadee Jackson, Katie Paugh, Alanna Kingsolver and Gene Kropfelder.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Bob Everhart reported that the buildings, grounds and cemetery were in good shape. A discussion about the new windows was held later in the evening headed by Kadee Jackson.

In Kathie Poole's absence, Gene Kropfelder was asked to consider taking over Christian Service. Kristy Bockrath informed the group that Kathie left a disc with information about all that she did in her role. The group recalled items such as The Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive that will be held November 26th and 27th. The food will be taken to the Greenfield Food Pantry. The Giving Tree will need put up soon and Gene had wonderful ideas to do this year such as having the parish buy gifts, wrapping them and placing them on the altar until distribution. Kelly McManus and Jim Merkowitz to help assist in finding families in need. The Christmas Dinner on December 25th will once again be sponsored by The Corner Pharmacy, Detty's Market and The Merchants Bank. Gene was given the disc and flyers to help him with his decision to head this committee.

Eric Givens reported that the church's finances were in good shape.

For Worship, Kristy Bockrath reported that the music for the upcoming holidays are being planned. She stated that she had not yet been in contact with Ann Campbell and that Saturday's have been covered so far with Kathie Poole being gone. Kristy also represented Ladies Auxiliary in Linda Weldon's absence. Kristy reported that Kristy Coulter, a Mary Kay Consultant, gave facials to the ladies at their last meeting. She donated her sales to the Ladies, which grossed \$247.50. The 1st Annual Oktoberfest went well and \$1,000 was raised. The Ladies will hold a bake sale the weekend of November 19th and 20th and an Advent Religious Goods sale will be held the weekend of November 26th and 27th.

Kelly McManus reported that she's been monitoring the Fellowship Sign Up sheet and making sure weekends are covered. Fr. Frank congratulated Kelly on her work with the Oktoberfest. Kelly also offered to help Gene with finding families that will benefit from the Giving Tree gifts.

Katie Paugh reported the Preparation Program for Confirmation had begun and there are 18 kids to be confirmed. The next meeting is to be held November 20th. A retreat for the kids will be held December 2nd and 3rd at St. Columbkille's in Wilmington. At the Whole Community Rosary gathering on October 9th, 24 rosaries were made and will be sent to the hurricane victims. Katie reported that the Celebration of Saints was recognized by drawings from the PSR kids and they were hung in the sanctuary. There will be no PSR classes held on November 27th, Dec 25th or January 1st. There will be Whole Community Advent Celebration held on December 4th. There are 4 kids preparing for their First Communion

which will be held on Mother's Day, 2006. A Reconciliation Service will be held on December 15th for the 4 kids and for the parish.

Fr. Frank advised council that RCIA was off to a great start with steady participation. He reported that Nancy Bennett and her husband cook meals for the group. He believes there will be 5 to 10 baptisms at the Easter Vigil. He also told Council that the Archbishop was happy with our parish and that he agreed to let Fr. Frank stay in Greenfield until 2010. He also stated that Fr. Mike will be the new pastor of St. Mary's in Hillsboro and that Fr. Mike would concelebrate at the Reconciliation Service in December. Fr. Frank's Christmas schedule will be as follows: Children's Mass will be held at 4:30 pm on Dec 24th. Midnight Mass will be at St. Benignus along with 11:00 am Mass on Christmas Day. He will also have Mass at St. Augustine's in Jamestown at 9:00 am on Christmas morning. Fr. Frank also thanked Kadee Jackson for her help in Nancy's absence. Fr. Frank would like to start a door-to-door census after the first of the year for each family in our parish. He would like to update records for the parish and would like to do another Photo Directory in 2006. The council agreed since it had been over 7 years since the last Directory.

Kadee Jackson presented a "Window Project" donation sheet that she will type up and send out to the parishioners asking for donations toward the windows.

After the reports were given, Fr. Frank and Kadee served refreshments.

The next Parish Council Meeting was set for January 10, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Smith
Secretary