

Tri-Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Date: Thursday, December 3, 2009 7 p.m.

Meeting opened with prayer lead by Fr. Kosse. Jeff Einck absent so meeting was chaired by Vice-Chair, Mike Appel. There were 12 members present and 4 absent. Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Pastoral Planning for the 22 dioceses will begin Spring of 2010 for the 115 parishes. They will be compiling statistics on how to care for parishes in addition to what we are doing now, especially with fewer priests. We must be thinking about how this can be accomplished.

At the Worthington Deanery, we are to have representatives from our parishes to meet and discuss how to care for the Tri-Parish. Deacon Justin Green will be on this committee to see what direction we will go.

Christmas Masses as follows:

Dec. 24 – 5pm @ St. Leo

7pm @ St. Joseph

9pm @ St. Martin

Dec. 25 – 9:30am Bilingual Mass @ St. Leo

Marlene Arens presented her part of the survey taken @ St. Martin's regarding Mass scheduling there. Michelle Powers was absent to present her half of the parish that she surveyed. There was interest in having a permanent 4 pm Mass on Saturdays.

The Communal Penance schedule was presented for the Faith Formation students and adults for Dec. 9th and Dec. 13th with up to 3 to 4 present on each day.

St Leo's Spring chair-persons will discuss the event after this meeting. They are Mike Appel, Ryan Ridl, and Jeff Einck.

Father Kosse read a letter by The Noah's Ark Committee. The fire inspection was completed. We need the Health Inspector, Building Inspector, and licensing persons approved yet. Portable smoke detectors will be installed where needed.

We will be licensed for 20 children, but will presently take in 15 four year olds and 15 three year olds.

Fifteen students went to the National Catholic Youth Conference. \$1,200 was raised for each student. The students gave \$100 each. Over 20,000 people were in attendance there. They had conferences. They made a procession the of Eucharist down the streets of Kansas City. There were good speakers. They were very excited about it, and are active in the church presently. Three students were from St. Joseph parish and the rest were from St. Leo parish.

The youth council are doing Christmas caroling and other projects. The junior-high students are restructuring according to their lives and what they are going through. Their attendance has been good.

The adult Faith Formation is doing Theology of the Body.

Miquel Acevedo presented The Virgin Guadalupe Celebration that is to take place Dec. 12th. See the sheet that is accompanied to present the event. He would like to get videos from Mexico that represent special days like Mothers Day with an Indian Dance.

In Lacrosse, Wisconsin, there is a Shrine of the Virgin Guadalupe and a church. It would be nice to take a bus tour to the site.

Miguel is considering going to classes next year to become a deacon.

An e-mail was changed to: DBrckbrg@connect.com

The next meeting will be Feb. 11th @ 7pm.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Fr. Kosse.