

St. Mary's Pastoral Council Meeting (abbreviated)

1.24.2013

Council Member: David Klar is now a member of the Pastoral Council. We have a full council of nine members.

Constitution: The Diocese approved the St. Mary's Pastoral Constitution & Bylaws drawn up by the Council in conformance with the Diocesan model. The Pastoral Council ratified the Constitution. It can be seen on the Parish Website.

Committee Updates:

Finance:

1. The Parish is currently financially stable, praise God.
2. Bids will be accepted for repair of the roads of Calvary Cemetery.
3. There are also plans to refurbish the old school building to be used for various purposes.
4. Joseph Hood gave the Finance Council a handout with data statistics about our daycare. The current daycare director is resigning. The Pastoral Council, in conjunction with the Finance Council, is studying the feasibility and desirability of St. Mary daycare in the future.

Liturgy:

1. Ash Wednesday Masses: St. Mary (Latin) 6:30 a.m. (English) 8:00 a.m., 7:30 p.m. and St. Augustine - 12:10 p.m. & 5:15 p.m.
2. Stations of the Cross - 5:15 p.m. Fridays in Lent (starting with the second Friday)
3. Lenten Retreat- March 9, 8-noon at St. Augustine
4. Covering the statues- Sunday March 17 after 1:00 p.m. or Monday March 18
5. Easter Decorating- Saturday, March 30 @ 9:00 a.m.
6. Confirmation- Saturday, April 6 @ 6:00 p.m. music by St. Augustine
7. First Holy Communion- Saturday, April 27 @ 4:00 p.m.

Stewardship/Outreach/Fundraising:

1. Scrip has average profits of \$100 a week. Program is going smoothly and anticipates further growth.
2. Annual Fish Fry to be held February 15, 2013. Volunteers are needed.

CCW: The CCW is challenging itself to find a new approach to the traditional Salad Supper.

Christian Education/Spiritual Life:

1. The 5th and 8th graders will be given the Religious Education (ACRE) test on February 27 during the RE hour.
2. A Christmas program was held on December 19th. The 1st & 2nd graders acted out the Nativity and the 3rd grade led some Christmas songs.

Website: Please be sure to visit the St. Mary website as it is completely revamped.

New Business: The Pastoral Council is at the beginning stages of creating a strategic plan to serve as a framework for our efforts.

Fr. Faustino talked about the importance of a strong relationship between the pastor and the parishioners.