

Saint Catherine of Siena

Parish Council Meeting – March 2015

Attendance: Fr. Peter, Sr. Bernadette, Caulfield, Dewing, Smith, Verzaleno, Holda, Abel

Absent: Dubois, Buck, Bailey

Guests: J & P Clark, E & A Atinson

Opening Prayer: Council members

New Council Members were welcomed.

Survey: Trying to get volunteers is hard. Minutes are current on website from parish council meetings.

Committee Reports:

Education: attachment

Altar servers: Any child who wants to be a server; any age is welcome to join. Grades 4 and up.

Consider putting an ad out for adult servers.

Can we have adult altar servers during weekday masses?

Ushers: Always looking for people

Would like to have 3-4 ushers for every mass

Maybe call them “greeters” instead

Men and women are welcome

Discussed assigning families to take turns being greeters

Lectors: Able to reclaim the previous lector

Always looking for people

Discussed possibility of some older children being lectors

Arlene can send out emails asking people to be altar servers or ushers

Consider name tags all people involved in mass

Good News: Ushers made name tags for themselves at 7:30 mass .

Projects:

Adult Faith Formation: People want more Bible study or discussion of church (according to the survey).

Tuesday at 10:30 to 11:30 Barry Rankin presents Living With God in Prayer for about 30 people.

Thursday: Rediscovering Catholicism with Matthew Kelly for about 12-15 people.

Trying to get more interest for these programs after Easter.

Communion Breakfast: April 19th after 9:00 mass. No 10:30 mass that day. Open to families and will be advertised in the bulletin.

Maintenance: roof leak near gymnasium and Parish Center. Was redone two years ago and is still under warranty. Roofer is coming to take a look at will let us know what needs to be done.

Parish: rebate of \$23,000. Last year we had a \$32,000 rebate.

RCIA Four candidates for entrance into church during the Easter Vigil, three of which will happen during the Easter Vigil.

March 22 – Call to Conversion at 10:30 mass

Need 12 parishioners to get their feet washed at 7:30 Holy Thursday Mass

New Business

Social Activities Committee:

According to the survey, parishioners want more activities (i.e., dinner dances, coffee and cake after mass) to help bring people together.

Perhaps schedule a parish picnic for a weekend over the summer (Not Labor Day weekend)

Fundraiser idea: Hold a fair with games, food, and prizes

Confirmation: over 60 students confirmed on Saturday, March 14, 2015. Ninth grade class is just as large. Retreat scheduled for August 29th at Happiness is Camping.

Lazarus Society: Senior citizens (men and women) who are readers and greeters for funerals.

Finances: Weekly finance statement in bulletin.

We have a separate financial council who put a regular statement in the bulletin so people know what the finances being collected.

Next Meeting: May 13, 2015