

ST. Bernard's Parish Council
Minutes
April 8, 2010

Opening Prayer - Fr. David

Role call

Fr. David

Council

D. Gayvert	L. Gipe	M. Rheume	T. Sanders
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Approval of Minutes From February 2010 Meeting

Committee Reports

Education

Children

SECOND GRADE

1. The **Confirmation/First Eucharist Mass** is this Sunday, April 11 at 2 pm. Bishop Milone will be the Celebrant for the 59 candidates from St. Bernard Church and Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church of Ballantine. Dress Rehearsal and Pictures is this Saturday, April 10 at 10 am.
2. **Faith Banners** were put up Monday after Easter around the front of the church. The banners are beautifully creative. The kids did an awesome job expressing their faith!
3. **Thank you** to the **Knight of Columbus** and the **CCW** for donating **Rosaries** for the boys and girls making Confirmation and First Eucharist. Also, special thanks to the **CCW** for their donation of supplies for the reception. It is most helpful and generous!

RCIC

The RCIC candidates all received their respective Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Two attended the reception afterwards. They were very appreciative and pleased with the program.

AFFIRMING THE CULTURE OF LIFE CONFERENCE

As several of the speakers noted, the conference was top-notch in so many ways! Thank you for bringing such a quality event to us!

PALM SUNDAY

Parades were well attended at all Masses!

EASTER EGG HUNT

Approximately, 150 kids total participated. Parents and children alike seemed pleased. One parent was quite concerned about the traffic, as was I. Next year I would like to create a safe crosswalk or have parking lot attendants during the hunt.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Next week is a Techno Games Fun Night and Ice Cream designed by Mark Rheume. April 26 and 28 will be our last class Skits and Splits. Each class group will perform a skit and we will celebrate with banana splits.

CONES

Has anyone seen the cones for the drop off zone? Were missing on Monday and a parent was concerned the zone was not marked.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 14 – 18

We will gather under the impressive Baobab tree for God's great get-together set in the expansive African savannah. Save paper towel and toilet paper rolls, if possible.

Teens

Things in youth group have been going really well. We have had nights on Pro Life, God's Love, Seder Meal, and Doubt in the last month. We also had the Search retreat and game and movie nights for the junior high and high school youth. This weekend we are off to Helena with eight high school and two college youth for the Catholic Youth Conference.

We have still been having great turnouts, but the numbers will probably be a little lower from here until the end of the year because of baseball, track, and all the end of the year concerts. I am slowly starting to work on the summer schedule, so if anyone has any ideas please let me know. We did get all 17 youth into Legendary Lodge this summer. We had our first Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser and earned \$1900. Our next big fundraiser is our bake sale on May 22-23. We are trying to raise \$6800 total to cover all the kids costs, volunteers costs, food, and gas for the trip. If anyone has any other fundraiser ideas please let me know. We are trying to do some yard projects and house projects for people that have them. The t-shirts have been selling. So far we have made back \$650 out of the \$1000 that we spent. On May 8-9 we will be selling them after Mass for anyone that wants one.

RCIA

RCIA 2009/2010 is winding down. Since we last met, the 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent we presented the elect with our Creed (Mary Sue Engel) and the Lord's Prayer, (Bill Clifton) in the context of a word service the 4th and 5th weeks of Lent, as prescribed in the Rite. We also celebrated the 2nd and 3rd scrutinies during those same weeks. Each of the 3 scrutinies was at a different Mass so the entire community got a chance to see our elect and pray for them. The last Friday of Lent we led Stations of the Cross. Quite a few of our people came to the Chrism Mass this year. Of course the highlight of RCIA is at the Easter Vigil when all of our people receive their sacraments. This year when we combined RCIA, RCIC, the teen confirmation group, and a few last minute extras, Fr. David baptized 7, confirmed 23 and gave 1st Eucharist to 15. The fun committee and several of the women from CCW provided us with a nice reception after the Vigil, and all in all it was a jubilant evening! We have 2 weeks of class left. This week we will go through the time and talent survey and encourage everyone to choose one ministry they feel called to. Our last meeting we will all participate in an Agape service based on the story of the Road to Emmaus. The service gives each person a chance to reflect on the past 9 months that we have spent together and is a sort of commissioning to go out into the parish and the community now that RCIA is over. Once classes are over I have paperwork to finish up and then at the end of the month I will turn the program over to Roy Brown.

Adult Education

Many ideas for topics submitted by Coreen Glen

Catholic Schools

Fr. Dave discussed parishes funding to the schools and he went over report from board meeting.

Parish Fun

Making plans for senior breakfast that takes place on 5/16. MOPS will have interactive day third Tue of April and will have Cinco de Mayo party on 5/4. We are looking for volunteers to take charge of group for next year.

Liturgy

Worship

No monthly meeting for April because of Holy Thursday. Nothing to report.

Music

I heard many great compliments about the Holy Week music; I got the sense that many people were brought to prayer through the music.

The children's choir sings this weekend at the 1st Communion Mass Sunday afternoon. Their last scheduled mass before the summer is Saturday May 1st. I will schedule VBS music and have the kids sing the weekend VBS ends, June 19-20th. I may try to do one or two other kids' masses this summer, but my experience has not been too good for summer children's choir.

The adult choir and the praise band will discontinue weekly practices after Pentecost. The praise band will continue to lead music at 11am, and members of the choir can drop in at 5pm or 9am over the summer.

The Manfull boys and Castle Salisbury had loads of fun playing instruments for Easter—they want to play at church more often. I'll get them involved asap, and hopefully at each of the masses.

I purchased those Chimes I mentioned last month. I used them with the kids' choir this week and it was very exciting. I'll integrate the chimes into children's choir and the adult choir as we sing any music chimes would support. If response is good, I'll start a separate chime ensemble next year.

Parish Nursing

April is Public Health Awareness Month. Our public health agencies on the state and local level offer many services to protect and education people to lead healthier lives each day

The Hospice Foundation Teleconference, Living with Grief--Cancer and End of life Issues was held 3-24 10 and attended by 7 members of the Parish Nurse/Health Ministry. As in the past this was an excellent presentation and beneficial to all attendees. The workshop on Anger, Forgiveness and the Healing Process will be held 4-16-10. At present there are 3 people registered from St. Bernards. Plans to begin a program for Divine Mercy for Healing will begin soon. Several people have expressed an interest in providing this prayer for us, which will include the Chaplet.1 We are also investigating the possibility of providing a Vision screening for adults in the parish. School children receive this screening in school. Eye care is not always given the priority it needs as people age.

Interfaith Hospitality

2 families here on 4/11

St. Vincent DePaul

Report submitted

Pro-life

Discussed happening at PP discussed decrease in abortion in MT, discussed billboards and ads. Good Friday stations of the cross at light poles

Haiti

Parishioners who went to Haiti discussed their trip.

Communications

Newsletter

Web site

Parish Groups

Council of Catholic Women

Fr. Dave presented to report, CCW are going to make some changes in kitchen.

Knights of Columbus #8345

Finance - Fr. David

Care and share almost to goal.

Old Business

New Business and Council Member Input

Closing Prayer