

ST COLMAN PARISH

MINUTES FROM AUGUST 8, 2011 PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING (PCM)

1 – Members attending were Fr. Jim Kunkel, Renae Brinza, Sue Buchholz, Arlene Gross, Jim Jordan, Paul Messineo, Mary Jo Meyer, Herb Riley and Christine Stinson, Bill Ketter. Also in attendance were parishioners Eileen Ketter and Don Cwynar

2 – Opening prayer led by Fr. Jim

3 – Committee Updates and Follow-ups

- a) Food bank going well – request was made at the 10am, noon and 5:30pm masses for parishioners to bring in a bag of groceries for the food bank to continue the success of the program
- b) Discussion was had on recruiting people to volunteer for Greeters at each mass – notice in bulletin will be added
- c) Donut Social has been scheduled for August 21st after the 8am, 10 am and 12pm masses
- d) Handling of new parishioners
 - a. Fr. Jim noted that he has met with several new families to the parish
 - b. Share information of new parishioners with Service Committee
- e) Decision was made to look into adding the Parish Calendar to the website for easy reference
- f) Information was obtained regarding initiating a Ladies of Charity organization at St. Colman. Volunteers will be solicited.
- g) Bill Ketter and his wife attended a seminar with the diocese for direction on being an Advocate for Persons with Disabilities. Bill to determine who and how many disabled are in the parish. Bill to schedule a “Circle of Friends” meeting to address any concerns with accessibility issues.
- h) Education committee met with Betsy Krygowski to discuss ways to involve CCD parents in continuing education. “Food for the Soul” will be held 10/25/11, 1/17/12 and 4/24/12.
- i) Youth Ministry Program will concentrate on 7th & 8th Grade CCD students including high school students as well.
- j) Christmas Book Program has half of the \$7,000 raised. More sponsors will be needed to continue with the program.
- k) Vicar Fr. Cain sent letter in response to the Parish Meeting held 6/13/11. Fr. Cain commented on the strong CCD program and our understanding of the needs of the parish regarding the growing number of older parishioners, limited financial resources and concentration on adult education

4 – Key Points from ONE BODY, ONE MISSION

- a) Important to Review Mission Statement annually:
Discussion and approval was given to add a Vision/Welcome statement as well as a mission statement as follows:
No matter what your present or past status in the Catholic Church.
No matter what your current marital or family situation.
No matter what your past or present religious affiliation
No matter what your personal history, age, background, race or color
You are welcome, invited, accepted and loved at St. Colman Church
- b) Accessing Pastoral Life:
Worship - On target
Evangelization – Consider surveying non-churching going parishioners as well as send email blasts regarding upcoming events, items of interest and weekly bulletins.
Catechesis (Education) – On target
Formation & Stewardship - Will have report on these items next meeting

5 – New Roman Missal Prayers -

Effective with the start of Advent, the Missal Prayers will be changed to exact Latin translation. All will need to familiarize themselves with these changes. The Parish Council will need to learn these changes and be a role model for the parish

6 – Good of the Parish –

Don Cwynar presented the need of the parish to have a bereavement program. Don will organize and hold meetings/group sessions for any parishioner interested.

7 – Next meeting November 7, 2011, 7pm in school library