

## St. Gerald Parish Pastoral Council Retreat August 27, 2011

Present: Ryan Sevcik, Jamie Zabrocki, Sharon Bissen, John Prosocki, Joe Kalina . Joan Luebbert, Glen Bennett,  
Mike Rasmussen

Also Present: Father Owen Korte, Judy Haug (Recording Secretary)

### OPENING PRAYER

I. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Approved.

II. GUEST REPORTS:

School Report: Dave Garland absent. *No Report.*

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Social Committee – Jamie Zabrocki, *No written report this month.*

- The potluck dinner for the Totus Tuus Program went very well, with about 180 in attendance.
- The Social Committee will be hosting a reception for Steve Luna, following his Deacon Ordination on October 22.
- The committee is looking for people to mail get-well cards to sick parishioners.
- There is a thank-you note being designed for our parish to use to thank our many volunteers.

Parish Education – Sharon Bissen. *See Attachment 1.*

- Committee chairpersons were contacted for an update on each committee.
- Baptism preparation is now only one class. Our presenters will need to be retrained.

Stewardship – Joe Kalina. *See Attachment 2.*

Maintenance – Joan Luebbert absent. *See Attachment 3.*

- A total of \$5,100 has been donated for the replacement of the garage at the Rectory.

Liturgy – Mary Morss. *No written report this month.*

- The Liturgy Committee will next meet on Thursday, August 18 at 7:30 pm. A regular meeting time needs to be established. The 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month has been discussed.

Human Needs – Glen Bennett absent. *No written report.*

Finance – Mike Rasmussen. *No written report this month.*

- The fiscal year ending June 30 finished in the black.

School Board – John Prosocki. *See Attachment 4.*

- Our expected starting enrollment is 422 students.
- Open House will be Tuesday, August 16. The first day of school is Wednesday, August 17.
- A Buddy Program will be implemented this fall, with a current family pairing up with a new family in an effort to guide the new families.
- Accreditation process paperwork will be submitted in November. We will know the results in July 2012.
- The school lunch program is changing to use local producers.
- Our school can accommodate 450 students. There is no room in the current facility to house a pre-school.

IV. PASTOR'S REPORT

- Some changes have been made in our parish. Fr. Korte is still looking to make additional changes.
- Mary Harper began this month as Director of Religious Education, which is now a full-time position. Mary has met with the Religious Ed teachers and some are not coming back this year.
- “Women of Grace” will be offered this fall for Adult Education.

- Sunday 9:00 am Mass will be a Children's Liturgy. The children will leave the nave and separate into two groups, Grades K-2 and Grades 3-5 and will listen to the readings and do activities in the Fellowship Hall. They will rejoin their families prior to the collection.
- Mary Harper is now in charge of school retreats.
- Religious Ed. classes will be lengthened to 1 ¼ hours to allow time to have large-group activities in the gym or in church. The classes will be on Wednesday, 4:15-5:30 pm and 6:00-7:15 pm. Children will be required to attend regularly and not just in the "Sacrament" grades (2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>). Mary is looking for additional teachers.
- An emphasis was placed on parish finances in order to finish the fiscal year in "the black".
- The stewardship campaign held earlier this year had a good response.
- Numerous maintenance projects were worked on this summer. The school is looking for a permanent location for a Music Room. The stage in the gym is being considered. St. Wenceslas School does this.
- The Long-Range Planning Committee is going well. They are currently exploring options for having a parish survey.
- Hosting the Seminarian Mass and Picnic went very well and was well-attended.
- The Totus Tuus program will be held July 8-13 in 2012.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

- Ryan would like to get the Committee Chairperson List updated by the September meeting. The categories may be rearranged and any new committees or groups should be added.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- The Parish Council retreat will be held on Saturday, August 27 at the Loughran's Beaver Lake home. A carpool will leave the Lakeview location at 8:00 am. We should be done by Noon. PC members should come with ideas for the coming year.
- Fr. Korte was contacted by LiveWell Nebraska. Nationwide, Nebraskans are ranked poorly in terms of physical fitness. The organization is looking for groups to promote healthy lifestyle ideas. The school has changed the lunch menu to include more nutritious foods, organizes the Walk of Pride in the spring, and maintains the Educational Garden.
- Fr. Korte led a discussion with topics from the Archdiocesan Parish & School Study. See Attachment 5.
- Archbishop Lucas intends to follow-through with changes as a result of these discussions.

VII. PRESIDENT/ VP BUSINESS: None

CLOSING PRAYER/ Adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 8 at 7:00 pm in the School Library