

Pastoral Council Meeting
February 20, 2013 7pm
Council Room

Present: Conni Weaver, Fr. Nolker, Fr. Tozzi, Pete Looby, Craig Baston, Beth Gideon, Devin Sillies, Barry Bruns, Cindy Bosse, Mary Jo Reiners, Judy D'Amico

Opening Prayer: Gospel of Luke 9:28-36

Question: How are your priorities affected by your faith in Jesus Christ? I try every day to think of how I can bring Christ into my life. I start each day thinking about what I'm facing in the coming day, and how I can incorporate my spiritual life in my day. If I didn't have faith, I don't know if I would do that. Why were they making shelters? They were tired, they were being treated nicely, but they didn't really understand. Is this the first time the disciples were told that Jesus is God? This event is a prelude to the resurrection.

Giving them a bridge from one event to the next. The lynchpins of the old testament of law and prophets.

Symbol on top of symbol on top of symbol.

Moses=law, Elijah=prophet, Jesus=fulfillment

I was with a very fundamentalist Aunt over the weekend. Playing Apples to Apples, bible version. Difficult to have a discussion with someone who so literally interprets the Bible. The bible can be interpreted many different ways. I take solace in the disciples...they were in the dark, sometimes scared, for a very long time. The disciples just had faith, and that's what we need to have. The bigger picture is important. The bible is a compilation of oral tradition, poetry, letters, etc. It is not a personal "love letter" sent down from heaven to the faithful to be memorized. It is important to live the faithful life, treat people right, and live a life as God would live. As parents, you use faith as you prioritize your plans.

Isn't it amazing that the apostles didn't tell anyone anything? Such big news, and they didn't tell anyone. It's more likely that they didn't say anything out of self preservation. Eventually it came out, because Luke wasn't around during the time of Jesus. He had to hear it somehow. Most likely this was talked about after the resurrection.

I read something recently that gave me food for thought. That in this day and age maybe it is OK to "boast," because there aren't as many faithful, and we need to be a witness.

New Member Selection: (see handouts) Conni Weaver:

It wouldn't be realistic to put nomination forms in the seats, so may need to rethink where the forms go: people at the door at the end of mass, ushers having them.

Pastoral Council will go through their discernment process along with Education Commission.

Looking for anyone interested to do an announcement at mass—Pastoral Council and Education Commission will share. Have someone at the both doors with nomination forms and pencils.

It is best that paper forms used, versus electronic. They need to be signed. Conni will talk to Steve from Education Commission and coordinate pulpit announcements, and then PC can decide who is needed at what mass.

Pastor's Comments:

School Issues: Trying to get contract settled for the windows at the school. Looks like the installation process will begin the week after school is out, and finish the first week in August.

Enrollment: Current enrollment for next year, 573. This year is 640. Graduating 100 this year. Hoping that the 13 families who have not yet registered will, and some of those people touring will commit to St. James. Hope to get to enrollment of 600. More people have registered now than at this time last year.

Principal Search in process. Anyone who wants to be a principal anywhere in archdiocese applies to the archdiocese. Then the archdiocese vets the candidates. We have no way of knowing who has applied for the process to be approved. Then there is a principal "boot camp" that these educators need to participate in. This all came about as a result of the Vision for the archdiocese. This process is currently in effect only for principals.

Church Renovation:

Surprises found: There was a dedicated wall where we thought the crucifix was to go, which really wasn't a wall. Drywall was glued directly onto the concrete block.....

New pics on the website as of today.

First layer of flooring by the cry room has been poured. They are almost ready to do the second section, but need to wait until the new lighting is installed.

The wall is 90% faced in stone, the arches are in, in steel.

Ready date=May 6th. 1st Communion is May 19th.

Bronze dedication plaque was taken off the wall. There was a sealed copper capsule behind this. What do we do with this (it's now in Fr. Nolker's office)? In it: 2 editions of St. James hub, Bulletins, northwest press hilltop news, Newsweek, program from dedication mass, pastoral council meeting minutes, and other parish and community documents/papers of the time.

It was probably felt that this copper capsule would not be opened for a long time, possibly 25 more years. Pastoral Council all agreed that it would be best to re-seal the capsule in the newly renovated church.

We should also add new things from now into another capsule.

RCIA: Candidates and catechumens sent to the cathedral this past Sunday. 5 people will be received into the church this Sunday. 9 to be welcomed at the Easter vigil. 2 on an extended program... 1 person has dropped out. At the Easter Vigil the big pool will be used, 1 person baptized at a time. This Sunday, Katie Hillebrand will be received. Then her 3 kids will be received at the Easter vigil.

At the March meeting, the budget will be received from Finance Council.

With regard to the June meeting, can date be moved so Conni can attend (and host)? **June 12th** is new date agreed upon for the June meeting.

Question asked about any response to the "Come Home" campaign. No hard new data. Fr. Nolker and Fr. Tozzi have seen new faces as they distributed communion on the last few Sundays; not sure if this is because they are truly new, or that they typically sat in a section of the old church that the priests didn't distribute to.

Night Prayer

Next Meeting March 20, 2013

Respectfully Submitted,
Jenny Gandenberger