

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish
Gretna, NE

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Saturday, February 10th

Pastor: Rev. Jeff Loseke

President: Steve Schrad

Vice President: Dan Leonard

Secretary: Chris Poutre (conference call)

Members: Kevin Bosak, Linda DeTurk, Megan Furstenau, Jason Oberg (arrived late),
Amanda Teixeira, and Esther Sindelar

1. Opened with Prayer
2. Approved prior meeting notes
3. Updates:
 - a. Mass attendance has been up
 - b. The Archdiocese, St. Charles and St. Patrick's met to discuss the future - (Fr. Jeff, Fr. Gutowski, Jim Stoles, one of the members of the Archdiocese Finance Committee and Real estate committee, and Deacon Dave)
 - i. Catholic School/Education was the topic.
 - ii. Recapped the Meitler Study - A Catholic school would be needed in this area of the Omaha Archdiocese. Advisable to do a joint school between the two parishes.
 - c. Religious Formation and Sacrament Formation
 - i. Model of the Catechism of the Church - 1st year - The Creed, 2nd year - How We Worship and Prayer, 3rd year - Morality, and 4th year - Spiritually and Prayer
 1. Week 1 - A parent and child(ren) will meet once a month in small family groups at church. The parish family groups will be split up into two groups (Alpha and Omega).
 2. 2nd Lesson Home/Small group lesson - Done at home or in small groups to meet off site or can be done on their own.
 3. Every fall and spring we would offer the track for First Reconciliation and First Communion. Any child ages 8-12 who is ready to receive the sacrament would join the sacrament prep track. The child and their parent would meet the two other weeks during the month. Both sacraments will be offered in the fall and spring.
 4. Theology Nights - One adult session a month after a Saturday evening mass. These nights would be recorded. All the curriculum is provided by Sophia Press company. These nights would pre-teach the next month's family lessons.

5. Confirmation Prep - Similar to sacrament prep - Junior high kids are welcome to come to Family nights (grades 7-12), however, they are not required. Whenever this child is ready to be confirmed they need to do the following: They need to attend Youth Ministry twice a month for a year. Once they have completed a year of youth ministry they can begin their sacrament prep. They can either take the fall or spring class sessions to prepare for confirmation. Confirmation will only take place in May.
4. Parish Opportunity
 - a. Stations of the Cross, Seder Meal, Ladies of Reconciliation - March 10th
 - b. Movie Nights - Make it a quarterly thing
 - c. St. Charles Borromeo Prayer - good acceptance
 - d. Improved Signage - Won't be too hard to put a sign up in needed location.
 - e. U.S. Mail - notifications about new activities
 - f. Newsletter - Move away from newsletter concept.
 - g. Name tags - Continue with this. Encourage people to wear name tags at church functions. Possibly on the 1st Sunday of the month have everyone wear their name tags to mass.
 - h. Christmas Party - Thanks to Dan for hosting.
 5. New Business -
 - a. Finalizing the Parish vision statement
 - i. St. Charles Borromeo Parish is a welcoming Catholic community where Jesus Christ is encountered, and members are nourished and formed to be His disciples. (This is the finalized version.)
 - ii. Purpose Statement - We are going to stay with the vision statement.
 - iii. Parish Pastoral Council Purpose Statement/Objective- Focus for our next meeting. How do we create a purpose statement to make our vision statement? We need to think of the overall leadership of the parish. (Pastor-Deacon-staff- finance council - parish council) Giving this leadership structure what is our focus? What is our purpose as a church community?
 6. Be thinking about for the next meeting:
 - a. A service project for Pastoral Council what could we do as a group.
 - b. Testimonies of Faith - How do we put this out there?
 - c. How do we work the crowd most specifically at Fish Fries?
 7. Next Meeting: Pastoral Council - March 21st 7-9 at church