

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH
CARBONDALE, IL
27 February 2006**

Goal: “To enhance and increase the meaningful involvement of more parishioners in the spiritual and social aspects of our Parish community.”

- 1. To improve adult religious education activities.**
- 2. To increase Mass attendance.**
- 3. To increase activities and attendance at activities.**
- 4. To improve communication between Parish leadership and the community.**

In attendance: Ben Balsano, Bob Bauman, Jane Boardman, Laura Butler, Amber Crawshaw, Father Bob Flannery, Jack Hagan, Toni Intraivaia, Sister Rosemary Henrichs, Laura Kidd, Margie Mitchell, Ed Varsa

Excused: Leslie Ferraro, Nick Ferraro, Chuck Grace, Steve Schauwecker, Doris Weaver

1. **Prayer/Reflection: Father Bob:** At 7:07 PM, Father Bob opened the meeting with a reading from the first Sunday of Lent (from the gospel of Mark). Reflection followed.
2. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Chair Laura Butler called the meeting to order.
3. **Visitors :** None.
4. **Approval of January 23, 2006:** There is one correction to the January minutes: Under Item 6, the word “thanks” should be changed to “thanked.” A motion was made by B. Bauman, and seconded by E. Varsa, to approve the corrected January 23, 2006 Pastoral Council Minutes. The minutes were approved by a voice vote.
5. **Agenda Prioritization:**
 - A. **Youth Report:** The report of the Youth Representative was moved forward. A. Crawshaw reported the following:
 - >Teens in Spirit was held Sunday, February 26, at Bleyer Ranch. The youth were further tested in religion; Gina Hill, Father Brown, Father Bob and Deacon Don Sparling were presenters. The celebration of Mass closed the day.
 - >The youth made approximately \$490 on the spaghetti dinner.
 - >There are five youth attending DYC; the group is working to raise the remaining funds needed for the trip.
 - B. **Goal Planning:** Father Bob proposed that the focus of the next meeting should be on goal planning. He suggested Monday, March 20, as our next meeting date for this task. Goal planning will be the main agenda item.

6. **Old Business**

A. **Capital Campaign:** A meeting was held to discuss starting the capital campaign on January 31. This was a productive meeting and many of the people attending will help in getting more bids on the items that need repair. Another meeting is scheduled for March 7. One of the most important that needs to be done is to get the dollar amounts set. Father also proposed that this campaign might also include creating a handicapped accessible entrance to the first floor of Xavier Hall.

Deacon Dietz from the Diocese did a walk-through of Xavier Hall; he will be a good resource for our renovation project. M. Mitchell was contacted by an engineer who will meet with the Deacon to schedule a walk-through together to get enough information to give a proposal.

B. **Parish Website Updates:** Anyone who has something to post on the website should contact our Parish secretary, Marilyn Bush; she will direct the person to the proper contact.

C. **Lights Fantastic:** There are some leads on a place to store the float.

D. **Parish Patronal Feast: Comments:** Father informed the Council that this year, 2006, is the 500th anniversary of the birth of Saint Francis Xavier. He suggested that this might be a good tie-in for our proposed capital campaign, as well as other Parish activities.

E. **Liturgical Minister Training:** There are still some people who have not been able to attend the two training sessions. These people will be contacted.

7. **Committees and Reports**

A. **Heritage Club:** J. Boardman reported on the successful and well-attended Valentine's Day dinner that was held at Hunan's. There will be a Saint Patrick's Day celebration on March 16th with Mass, followed by the traditional corned beef and cabbage meal. At that meeting, Father Bob will speak on his trip to World Youth Day in Germany.

B. **Liturgy:** The next meeting will concentrate on the many preparations for Lent, Holy Week and the Easter Tridium.

C. **Women's Club:** M. Mitchell reported that the fish fry that was held on February 24 went very well and they fried more fish than ever before; about 375 people were served and approximately \$2200-2300 was made. The youth were a good help at the event and will be scheduled to work at the next fish fry.

D. **Knights of Columbus:** E. Varsa reported that the Knights' Fish Fry will be on April 7. The next meeting is March 8, and at this meeting the Knights' will distribute the monies from the Tootsie Roll Drive to various charities and organizations.

E. **Family Life:** Many events have occurred that have been participated in by many in our Parish family: the fish fry, the funeral lunches and receptions, the families who bring food for the Teens in Spirit, the people who helped with the PSR Rec Center Party for the youth, those who help with Games Nights, to name just a few.

F. **Community Life: Health Committee:** J. Hagan reported that the committee met on February 2. Work is continuing to recruit more members. J. Boardman and Pat Waters attended and reported on the work that Lifeline is doing and J. Boardman recapped that information for the Council. On March 6, the committee will meet again to discuss recruiting more members.

A brief discussion was held on this committee. Although an actual parish nurse would be ideal, this may not happen. So, instead, it was suggested that the committee focus more on

creating and discovering ways to get information on health related issues to the Parish. Some ideas might be to work with groups who are willing to come give presentations or screenings; include pamphlets and fliers on health-related issues in the bulletin. Father urged the committee to meet with Yvonne Whitfield and ask her to help the committee.

E. Varsa brought forward the question of the need for a handicapped van or some other means of transportation. He suggested that perhaps this could be an ecumenical item and that a vehicle might be shared among the various denominations.

G. **Finance Council:** The Finance Council will be meeting in the next month.

H. **Faith Formation:** T. Intravaia's Faith Formation report is presented as **Attachment A** to these minutes.

J. Boardman reported on the recent 'Gifts' workshop. This was certainly a worthwhile event. It was suggested that this might be a good activity for the TIS group, especially those who will be confirmed this year. Sister Rosemary will contact someone who she knows has done this with young people to see if there is a special book or script that might be used.

I. **Buildings & Grounds:** M. Mitchell reported that a meeting will most likely be scheduled once the engineer and Deacon Deitz have a walk-through of the Hall. The proposal will have to be gone over by the committee. She reminded the Council that it is very likely that everything on the proposal will have to go out for bid, as per diocesan rules.

J. **Social Justice:** Father reported that Elsie Speck is working on Lenten activities. The Church Women United World Day of Prayer will be held in March.

K. **Youth Representatives:** Please see **Minutes item 5**.

L. **Saint Andrew School:** No report. Registration is currently being held for the 2006-2007 school year.

M. **Small Christian Communities:** Some small groups still meeting. T. Intravaia's Bible study group is also still meeting, as well as the Shawl Ministry.

N. **Organ:** A meeting will be scheduled for early March. Among the items to discuss is finding a new storage facility for the organ.

O. **Stewardship Committee:** B. Bauman reported that the final meeting with the diocesan representative will be held Tuesday, February 28. In the next few months, the prayer section will start again. Over 100 people have responded to the Treasure phase of the stewardship initiative and hopefully more will be coming.

P. **Cluster Council:** The Cluster Council will meet on March 2 at the Newman Center.

8. **New Business**

A. **Chrism:** Father asked if anyone is interested in attending the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral on Tuesday of Holy Week to pick up the Holy Chrism. E. Varsa indicated that he might be available to do this.

B. **Ash Wednesday schedule:** There will Masses at Saint Francis Xavier on Ash Wednesday at 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM; at Saint Andrew at 8:45 AM; and at Newman Center at 12:15 noon.

C. **Ecumenical Burning of Palms:** The Ecumenical Burning of Palms will be held on Tuesday, February 28th, at First Christian Church.

D. **Catholic Social Services Breakfast:** A number of Council members and members of Saint Francis Xavier attended. The breakfast was very nice and there was a good turn-out.

E. **Other:** Parking: Parking continues to be a problem, not only at Masses, but also at certain events, such as the fish fry. Perhaps buying a piece of land close to the Church might be included in the capital campaign?

9. **Pastoral Associate Report:** Sister Rosemary reported the following:
>Rite of Welcome for 4 people on Saturday for those who missed it earlier;
>keep getting more people who want to become Catholic, and, because some of them can't always start in September with the regular RCIA, Sister is teaching year round;
>Sister announced that the outstanding youth and person who works with youth have been selected: Amber Crawshaw is the outstanding youth and Toni Intravaia is the outstanding person who works with youth.
>Gina Hill and Gwyn Emmit are new members of Teens in Spirit.

10. **Pastor's Report:** Father Bob thanked Sister for all the hard work that she puts into RCIA: she always goes that 'extra mile,' especially being willing to conduct classes at other times of the year.

11. **Next Meeting:** Monday, March 20, 2006, 7:00 PM, Xavier Hall. As a reminder, this meeting will focus on goal planning for the Council.

12. **Prayer/Adjournment:** Chair L. Butler adjourned the meeting by asking Sister Rosemary to give the closing prayer at 8:44 PM. Then, she entertained a motion to adjourn, which was made by B. Bauman, and seconded by B. Balsano.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura K. Kidd

ATTACHMENT A:

FEBRUARY 2006 PSR REPORT

PSR Report, Toni' Intravaia, February 27, 2006

We had subs for grades 8 and 9 while I was at Teens in Spirit yesterday.

Teens in Spirit had their third meeting yesterday. It was an special as we met at the Bleyer Ranch. Not only did we do the testing on the Catholic faith but also had inspired discussions on the Word with Deacon Sparling, on the Eucharist with Father Joe Brown and had study on Mardi Gras with Gina Hill and Lent with Father Bob. We closed with Mass at which Bill Harper led the music.

(Those absent will do makeup on the test tomorrow night at 8 p.m. and attend The Confirmation Retreat in Cobden on Saturday March 4th from 8:30 to 3:30 p.m.)

The Adult Bible Study meetings are going well. We are working on Jesus and the Gospels each Tuesday night. On the third Tuesday we have the Catechist meeting on the Sacraments.

The 10 am Children's Liturgy continues with three of us: Christa Tichacek, Sharon Kippenbrock and myself. Beginning with the first week of Lent, we will add Children's Liturgy with Clare Mitchell at the 8 am Mass.

Yesterday the Freshman had the ministries at the 10 am Liturgy; next Sunday the 8th grade will have the ministries at the 10 am Mass.

Last week Sister Rosemary, Sister Pat, Roccio Arnold, Sally and Ed Varsa, Jane Boardman, Sharon Kippenbrock and I were part of the The Called & Gifted Workshop in Murphysboro.

This Saturday, March 4 the First Communion Class will have a Retreat from 9 to 12 noon.