

St Mary Holy Cross
Pastoral Council Notes
9-7-11

The St. Mary – Holy Cross Pastoral Council represents the diversity within our parish community. Through prayer, reflection, and discussion we share in the pastoral leadership of the parish by identifying and assessing its gifts and needs. The Council interacts with fellow parishioners, empowering their active participation in the discipleship of Jesus Christ.

Members Present: Diane Cronk, Tim Kautza, Bev Kuehn, Lori McQuiston, Matt Miller, Mary Thomas

Guest: Anne Davis- finance council

Prayer facilitated by Matt Miller

- 1.) A discussion was held on the Parish Plan for Catechesis
 - a.) Review from last meeting
 - b.) Baptismal Catechumenate key elements
 1. Liturgy
 2. Life of the faith community
 3. Evangelization
 4. Catechesis
 - c.) Evangelization
 - d.) Tasks of Catechesis
 1. Catechesis promotes knowledge of the faith
 2. Catechesis promotes knowledge of the meaning of the liturgy and the sacraments
 3. Catechesis promotes moral formation in Jesus Christ
- 2.) Date for vision planning- Four or five dates were proposed for a group meeting. An email will be sent to get input regarding the best date and time.
- 3.) A discussion was held on the retirement celebration for Jerry and Elaine Barnwell. The open house will be held on September 25th, 2-4 PM with a program at 3PM.
 - a.) Lori McQuiston will organize the celebration
 - b.) A collection will be taken up for a gift
 - c.) The celebration will include:
 1. light refreshments
 2. prayer
 3. program
 4. a big "thank-you" card
 5. a gift to be presented by Bev Kuehn

4.) Missouri River Mission Project

a.) The Knights of Columbus are considering a pancake breakfast fund raiser for the Sidney food pantry.

5.) The pastoral council will serve a meal at the St. Joseph Emergency Family Shelter on the second Sunday of February 2012.

Next meeting: October 5, 2011 at 7pm