

Two Minute Report



The Annual Call to Leadership Night was held on Monday January 5. A summary of what is happening at St. Barnabas is described in the following “**Two Minute Report**”...

Education/Faith Formation Commission...

- Adult Faith have two speakers lined up for Lent
3-9-2009 Terrence Rynne “Jesus and Ghandi”
3-19-2009 Thomas Cahil Author newly Published “A Saint on Death Row”
- Spred group will visit the Beverly Art Center to participate in their combination of shows and activities. They always have room for more young people, ages 16-21.
- Religious education programs begin in February
- School activities include: 1-25-08 Catholic School Week begins with a Mass at 10:00 followed by Open House 11:00am to 1:00pm.
- 3-4-2009 Catholic School Rally in Springfield. Anyone interested in attending call the rectory. More information can be found on line at catholicconferenceofillinois.org
- Discussed financial priorities of parish as it relates to Education and Faith Formation, including the School, Adult Formation, Spred, Religious Education and other ministries in the parish.

Spiritual Life Commission....

- Received very positive feedback on the advent reflection book.
- Thank you to Sue Connolly who coordinated the Art and Environment for Christmas and to everyone who helped design and decorate the church so beautifully.
- The music for Christmas was beautiful, inspiring, good choice of songs and a wide variety of instrumentation. All of which added to a prayerful environment.
- Lenten planning will begin on January 26th at 7:00pm in the Rectory basement.

Administration Commission....

- Finance Board has scheduled a budget meeting for 1-12-2009
- A reminder letter will be sent out regarding the Stewardship pledge in January or February.
- An additional application and grant has been received by the Grant-in-Aid committee bringing the total to \$30,538.
- 5-year plan has been completed. An executive summary will be submitted to Parish Council for review.

Human Concerns Commission...

- The Red Tag program had its best return this year. Every tag received a present. 950 tags were returned with gifts.
- Thursday, January 22 at 7:30pm, a prayerful “Holy Hour” will be held to pray regarding Roe vs. Wade .
- Operation Rice Bowl plans are well underway. March 9th is the target date for the soup dinner, to coincide with Terry Rynne’s presentation on the saving power of non violence.
- The baby bottle project that benefited the Women’s Center raised more than \$4000.00

Parish Life Commission...

- Parish Life is looking to recruit new members for their Commission.
- Gina McGuire, there newest member was introduced
- Goals and ideas for 2009 were revisited with new members.
- 2009 ideas for golf league , bowling leagues and other activities for both the youth and adults were discussed.

Research and Revive “Welcoming Committee” for both church and school.

Parish Council.....

- Parish Council will schedule a separate meeting with our new development director, Matt Abernathy, our LatzBruni consultant, Lorraine Nelson and members of the development committee to begin the implementation of our new Development Plan.
- The financial priorities of the parish were discussed, and an immediate priority is the close collaboration by the finance board and school board in preparing their budgets for next fiscal year.
- An opportunity for St. Barnabas to participate in a warming shelter was discussed, and further research will be done by the Human Concerns Commission.