

Two Minute Report



The Monthly Leadership Night was held on Monday, November 1, 2010. Below is a summary of each commission's relevant news relating to their annual goals:

Administration

Sunday contributions for the first 3 months of the year are \$21,000 under budget, but \$28,000 over collections this time last year.

- The Fall Stewardship appeal is underway with the "Your gifts matter" theme:
 - o Pastor homily took place 10/24
 - o Parishioner mailing – annual report + appeal letter 10/26
 - o Multi-media presentation 10/31
 - o Nov 14th is Commitment Sunday
- Big Bucks Raffle – Ticket Sellers are turning in their final payments this week. Payment has been received for all but 69 tickets. We are confident that we will have all money collected by the time of the drawing on 11/15.
- Give Central's new processor is up & running.
- Work is being done to build out our alumni website pages and to build our alumni e-mail database.
- The Grant in Aid committee is working on a proposal to revise the by-laws of the education fund.
- Handicapped walkway and convent stairs have been replaced.
- New garage was built to replace shed damaged by a falling tree.
- The communications committee will be publishing a process for getting school and parish news out.
- We are in the early stages of building a 12 month parish marketing communication calendar.
- We are testing email software for the parish.

Human Concerns

- The Parish had its first Cereal Sunday for Holy Family Parish Food Pantry this past Sunday. Thanks to all who contributed to help our sister parish's needy.
- We also had our first Peace and Justice Friday Night Movie "9500 Liberty." There was an excellent turnout and lively discussion was shared by all. More movie night discussions are in the works.
- We have many volunteer opportunities posted in the website on our new service calendar www.stbarnabasparish.org/ministries/human/service.aspx. Help bring the Corporal works of Mercy alive in any one of our upcoming venues.
- Contact Mary Condon a week in advance to assist with the SU CASA Christmas luncheon Sunday 12/12/2010. Lastly to help with our Christmas Red Tag collection contact Nancy Harvey. Help is especially needed 12/5-12/9/10.

Parish Life

- New Parishioner Cocktail party for November 3rd has been canceled due to low participation.
- Parish Life Commission is in the process of redefining itself. Three points discussed as a part of this process are as follows:
 - o Parish Life Commission is more of an event driven commission.
 - o Parish Life Commission would act as an advocate for parish organizations and help the parish organizations and parish at large by helping to create and maintain a more balanced calendar. One way would be hosting an annual calendar meeting.
 - o Parish Life Commission where does it fit in and what is its role in larger parish social events such as Dinner Dances and such?

Spiritual Life

- Anointing Liturgy will remain part of the 4pm parish liturgy rather than a separate liturgy
- Advent Focus 2010 – The Day of the Lord is at Hand- PREPARE
- Children's Liturgy of the Word planned to resume the 1st Sunday of Advent
- Discussion on choir loft expansion to be brought to Parish Council
- Improvement in this ministry continue with wedding and funeral training
- Commission continues to recruit men to liturgical ministries, four new sacristans are being trained
- New Translation of Roman Missal, discussion will begin at the Staff level on how to educate parishioners and implement changes in the Roman Missal