

Parish Life



The monthly **Leadership Night** was held on **Monday, February 2**. A summary of what's happening at St. Barnabas is described in the following **“Two-Minute Reports”...**

Education/Faith Formation Commission...

- The “Catholics at the Capitol” rally will be held in Springfield on Wednesday, March 9. Mike Padden made a presentation on legislative action and urged our leadership and parishioners to participate in the rally in support of lobbying for Catholic tuition credits – check the bulletin for details.
- Confirmation was held on Friday, 2/6 for 70 confirmandi by Bishop Gustavo.
- 7th grade students will be asked to participate in Operation Rice Bowl
- The all girls Lego Robotics team advanced to the state competition and won the Teamwork Award!

Administration Commission...

- Grant-in-aid funded one additional request.
- Development committee is seeking members of the alumni to form an alumni association. First order of business will be to plan the “after the parade” St. Pat’s party. Interested individuals should contact the new Director of Development, Matt Abernathy at 779-1166, ext. 242. The Vision Process started with the Development Committee and Parish Council. Now it will extend out to various ministries and employees of the parish.
- The Communications Committee seeks a parish photographer to capture the many educational, spiritual, and social aspects of our great parish. Interested individuals should contact Sheila Padden at 233-3218.
- The Parish and School’s budgeting process is underway.

Human Concerns Commission...

- A task group is being formed to look into the viability of offering support to individuals affected by lay offs as a result of the current economy.
- Operation Rice Bowl soup dinner will be held on Monday, March 9 in the church hall.
- PADS trivia night fundraiser will be held at Maria High School on 3/7.
- Respect Life had a great response to the post card campaign in the narthex last week-end.

Spiritual Life Commission...

- The Lenten theme is “Through the Cross to the Resurrection.” Stay tuned for plans to make this Lent a season of renewal.
- Ash Wednesday mass will be celebrated at 6:45 and 8:45 a.m., and 7 p.m. There will also be a prayer service at 3 p.m. Lectors, sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers and ministers of ashes are needed.
- Did you know that mass is celebrated at 6:45 every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday? It is a great way to start the day!
- The St. Pat’s liturgy will be celebrated at 4:00 pm on March 14th.

Parish Life Commission...

- The St. Valentine Day Mass and reception are being held on 2/14 – spread the word and rsvp to the rectory at 779-1166.

Parish Council...

- Began revising the Parish Mission Statement as a result of the Parish Visioning exercise and discussed next steps.
- Discussed the current status and plan for completing the 5-year Financial Plan for the Parish
- Followed –up with Human Concerns regarding a St. Vincent DePaul request to host a warming shelter at St. Barnabas. Discussions will be on-going with the understanding that no action will be taken at this time.
- Encourages all parishioners to attend the Call to Leadership gathering on March 2 and consider getting involved in a ministry or committee.

As you can see, much is happening. Thank you to all the commission members and for all the volunteers who make St. Barnabas such a vibrant parish. Your gifts of time, talent, and treasure are truly appreciated! The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 2.