

Two Minute Report



The Annual **Call to Leadership Night** was held on **Monday, December 1**. A summary of what's happening at St. Barnabas is described in the following **“Two-Minute Report”**...

Education/Faith Formation Commission...

- The Religious Ed Christmas pageant is Sunday, 12/14 for students in grades 1,3,4, and 5 and the school's pageant is 12/19 with an assembly on 12/18.
- The student council held a turkey drive which raised \$500 for the Maple/Morgan Park Food Pantry.
- Adult Faith is planning a speaker series in Lent with Thomas Cahill (How the Irish Saved Civilization) and Terry Rynne (Jesus & Ghandi).

Administration Commission...

- Finance Board welcomed Mike Connolly as a new member. Pre-budgeting assignments will be made at the December meeting in preparation for the January budget meeting.
- Physical Resource 5-year plan is well underway with members of Administration taking the lead on a parish-wide 5-year planning initiative.

Human Concerns Commission...

- Respect Life had a good response to the baby bottle project. Total collected will be published in the bulletin.
- Fair Trade products were sold at parish events and after church.

Spiritual Life Commission...

- Veterans Day Liturgy was a moving tribute to those who have served, are serving and who have died in service.
- More than 200 altar servers participated in the Vicariate-wide altar server appreciation Mass.
- The commission is looking for feedback on the “Daily Reflections” booklet. Feedback can be sent to Kitty Ryan at 779-1166, ext. 226.
- All interested in participating in the decorating of the church for Christmas can meet in church at 1:00 on 12/21 and at 3:30 on 12/24 to help set and light the luminaries outside of church..

Parish Life Commission...

- A commission chair and new members are being sought and goals are being discussed; quarterly events are a possible outcome.

Parish Council...

- The status of the search for a Development Director was discussed by the Parish Council. The draft of the Development Plan as prepared by Latz-Bruni was distributed to Parish Council members for review. The plan will be further discussed at the January meeting.

As you can see, much is happening. Thank you to all the new 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, January 5.