

ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

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PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Prayer and reflection was based on the Gospel reading for April 24, 2005, John 14:1-12. The question of the week was: In a challenge you face right now, what will it mean to live the way of Jesus Christ?

PARISH VOICE

Alberto observed that people are not paying attention to the arrows in the Beulah Methodist Church's parking lot.

COMMITTEE VOICE

Hispanic Committee: There was a meeting last week to try and get the second Spanish Mass set for May 29th at 6:00 pm. Several training workshops are being held for the 6:00 pm mass.

Training for Ushers	May 1	2:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Eucharistic Ministers	May 12	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Lectors	May 15	2:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Collection Counters	May 22	11:00 am – 12:30 pm
Altar Servers	May 22	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Father Mike suggested that each “minister” should be urged to change or alternate the times they serve. Now is the time to urge the switch with the new mass starting. “Ministers” should not be serving at the same mass each Sunday.

The mass at 1:00 pm on May 8 will be a Mother's Day mass. Mothers will be blessed, and there will be a celebration after the 1:00 pm mass.

Next month, Tony will show a video about the Boy Scouts for the Hispanic Community in Spanish.

The Spanish speaking young adults will be going to Busch Gardens on April 30. There are twelve to fourteen members in this group.

On May 7th, there will be training for new couples to help with the baptismal preparation team.

On April 30th, there will be VIRTUS training in Spanish. VIRTUS training must be attended by anyone who routinely works with anyone under the age of 18. If you don't have a Social Security number, one

cannot be a volunteer because background checks cannot be done without a Social Security number. The background checks expire after for four years. The next training in English will be May 9th. You can attend this meeting even if you are not ministering to children. The information from the background checks is returned confidentially only to Father Mike.

GIVING THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERS - UPDATE

The Council was presented with a list of possible foods to consider for the dinner from DJ and the sub-committee for this event. There was a discussion of the amount of money available for this event. DJ reported there was \$500 for this. The hope was for some Mexican dishes to be served also. However, the cost of chicharron (which is fried pork rinds) would be around \$1,000 at one place. Angy suggested that Alberto check the prices at Tasty Chicken and Bread, which will be doing the church picnic on June 5th as they may be a lot less expensive.

After some discussion, it was decided that we would serve baked ziti pasta with sauce. There will be two sauces, one with meat and one without meat. We will be serving a green salad (no nuts) and garlic bread. There will be hot dogs for the children who do not want pasta. We will be serving a total of 500 people which allows for the inclusion of the volunteers' children.

There will be two seatings, one before mass from 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm and the second from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. This way, there will be about a 30 minute gap in between seatings in order to reset the tables. One idea would be to have a “sign-up sheet” out in the vestibule for volunteers to sign up for which seating they prefer. There will be two sign-up sheets with 250 spaces each and families must use one space for each family member attending. Once the sheets are filled up, no more volunteers would be able to attend the dinner.

There probably needs to be a committee to oversee this event: to decide if there will be door prizes, a speaker before or during the meal, etc. The door prizes could be gift certificates from various restaurants in the area. Everyone on the Council needs to try to get at least one gift certificate.

ST. AUGUSTINE FEAST DAY

The St. Augustine Feast Day will be held on August 27th after the bilingual 5:30 pm mass. Tony, Katharine, Teresa and Sarah are on this sub-committee. It will be a pot-luck dinner with a huge birthday cake. We hope to make this a celebration and a learning experience. There will be St. Augustine cards with prayers on the back. Eileen can get St. Augustine cards; they are inexpensive and Father Mike has about 100 of them in his office. Some suggestions were a map showing where Algeria is, maybe some Algerian foods for tasting. We could plan on having lots of things on St. Augustine's life, such as his being the patron saint of brewers. Maybe the Council could give the readers suggestions on the readings for this mass.

The minutes for the meeting on April 5th were approved.

The next meeting will be on May 24, 2005, at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary