

## **Parish Council Meeting Minutes June 20, 2012**

**Attendees:** Father Bill Stockelman, Mark Zurlinden, Paul Justice, Donna Thompson, Tim Geers, Charlie Quehl, Bev Barnes

**Absent:** Jim Sperry

**May Minutes:** The minutes from May were approved with a clarification that the parish picnic will be September 9th.

**Religious Freedom** - The Archdiocese is going to have yard signs for people to set out against the attack on Religious Freedom. Prayer over the next couple of weeks is being asked for by the Archbishop for an end to this. IHM is having a "Religious Freedom Event" on June 27th - flyers are going to be handed out at Mass to support this. The Thursday evening prayer group is having a Mass at 7:30 pm in Stievenard Hall 6/21 for the cause.

**Passing on the Catholic Faith:** How do we engage the youth of our parish, especially those kids that graduate from our school? How do we get families to engage Catholicism? There is a disconnect between our parish and the school.

Year of Faith begins October 11th and goes through November 24, 2013. This is the 50th anniversary. The Pope wants the Bishops to increase the quality of Catechesis (Adult education). Bishops should also use media to evangelize and educate. The parishes should focus on the Eucharist. Nationally produced commercials will be seen on ESPN starting in the fall.

**What's going on at St. B.:** There will be a vacation bible school in July in the evenings. A women's bible study group is being started as well. Christ Renews His Parish starts in September. There will be infant and toddler care at the 11:00 Mass very soon.

**Next Meeting:** The next Stievenard meeting will be on July 18th at 7:00 pm. The "Unwed Mother's" committee at St. Bernadette has requested to spend \$10,000 on a program called, "Theology of the Body". This is an series meant to educate people to be respectful of their body and try to reduce the number of unwed mothers. The money was originally given to this group to do with it what they felt was necessary for the cause. Parish Council is supporting this purchase.

Next Meeting will be August 8th, 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.