

## BASILICA BRIEFS - December 2010

**SPIRES of FAITH CLUSTER LITURGY COMMITTEE** met on Monday, Dec. 6 at the Petersburg School. Present: Fr. Robert Gross, Chris Kruse, Darla Buddan, Jack Mescher, Linda Begle, Judy Vondehaar, Paula White, Gayla Boice, Rose Heid, Grace Feldmann, Carol Schneider, Ann Dietrich, Kevin Gudenkauf, Wes Gudenkauf, Rita Rahe, Jane Deutmeyer, Ron Deutmeyer and Ann Sodawasser. Chapter 12 of The How To Book of the Mass was discussed.

The Cluster sub-committee met to plan more specifics regarding the goals and mission of the liturgy committee and plan to meet once more before the January meeting when it will be presented to the whole committee.

Communion under both forms began the First Sunday of Advent in Dyersville, Earlville and Worthington parishes and is going well. Communion music should begin as soon as the priest begins to give communion to the Eucharistic distributors. Musicians will receive at the end.

Phyllis Koschmeder has volunteered to train sacristans for their individual parishes. Advent Vespers went well on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent with approx. 60 people attending. Communal Reconciliation was scheduled for Dec. 12, one at 2 pm at Petersburg and the other at 4 pm at Dyersville with several priests available for individual confession. Other confession times may be scheduled after that.

Christmas decorations will be put up Dec. 20 beginning at 6 pm. Fr. Gross said that readings for Midnight Mass will be used at all Christmas Masses. The committee will evaluate Eucharistic Ministers and make adjustments on the next schedule if necessary.

Jan. 22, 2011 will be a day of fasting, penance and prayer in honor of Respect Life. A pro-life rosary will be recited before all weekend Masses. Vocation Awareness Week will also be held in January and prayers for vocations recited. Lent was discussed briefly. Ash Wednesday is Mar. 9. A suggestion was Perpetual Adoration beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing throughout Lent.

The next meeting will be Jan. 20, 2011 at St. Boniface School, New Vienna.

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER BOARD of EDUCATION** met on Dec. 13. Present Janet Stelken, Angela English, Tom Hageman, Keith McCarraher, Heidi Wall, Gregg Recker, Fr. Dennis Quint and Peter Smith. The November minutes were approved.

Reports:

- Finance: Financial report for November was approved. Items discussed; the shortfall from parish subsidy, future enrollment, wages and available assistance. Approved an increase in tuition for the 2011-2012 school year.
- Principal's report: Peter answered questions regarding the report.
- Building & Grounds: snow removal will be reviewed and the information shared at the next meeting.

Old Business-Board members were asked to encourage family and friends to donate to STO Fund.

New Business -

- Reviewed a letter regarding instructional support levy and transportation from Western Dubuque.
- 2011-2012 staff reduction policy was reviewed. If necessary, staff reduction recommendations must be made no later than the regular March board meeting. Depending on the enrollment there could be that possibility.
- the Board will again donate a slumber party for the Xavier Affair this year.

The State Visit report was reviewed.

The board gave approval to hire a part-time person to help as needed with maintenance at the school.

The next meeting will be Monday, Jan. 10, at 5:30 pm in the library.