

ST. PATRICK STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES May 19, 2011

Faith Formation: Joan Nikolai, Steward

First Eucharist was celebrated by 3 children on May 8th at Our Lady of the Pines. 12 children celebrated First Holy Communion on May 21st at the 6 PM Mass at St Patrick.

Elementary and Junior High classes are completed for this year.

Confirmation was celebrated by 46 young people on May 13th at Our Lady of the Pines. Bishop Weigand presided at the b-lingual celebration. A reception was held in Haran Hall.

Overview and Highlights: Amador Catholic Teens (ACT) Lessons were prepared by the individual instructors each month with a general plan to follow. ACT had the generous assistance of great instructors: Rose Outland, Bob Strazzo, Barbara & Lance Outland, Conni Boyd, Lisa Tavano-Hall and Deacon Jaime. They did a wonderful job of catechizing our teens, giving guidance, instruction and assistance. In November the teens learned of the Communion of Saints and offered works of charity by collecting canned goods and putting together 15 boxes of food at Thanksgiving with 25 teens and parents participating. In January we discussed Respect for Life with 25 teens and parents participating in the Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco. In March 25 teens organized a prayer service while studying Reconciliation, Prayer and Almsgiving. Lisa Tavano-Hall from Immaculate Conception will take over the leadership of RCIA with Helena remaining on the team as advisor and she will continue to prepare the liturgical rites that mark the stages of process. Susan Kirkwood-Yates will continue to head RCIA adapted for children. Lisa and Susan will be actively seeking new team members. Susan Kirkwood-Yates will be joining the rest of the staff at the ACC.

After settling into her new office space, Susan will begin work on her summer agenda: reviewing and choosing a new textbook for elementary classes, developing a syllabus for 2011-2012, setting all the calendars for 2011-2012 as well as the multiple summer tasks that go into preparing for the next year.

Liturgy: Maja Johnson, Steward

Triduum was celebrated with Holy Thursday at Immaculate Conception and Good Friday at Sacred Heart with great music and good attendance. Easter Vigil at St. Patrick started with a traffic jam. Logistics need to be improved for the future.

A discussion centered on how to encourage recruitment of sacristans. Suggestions were made which included a Ministry Fair, meeting with current sacristans to develop a list of duties specific to St. Patrick and inviting people to volunteer. Deacons Ed, Jaime and Garry are meeting in preparation to offer workshops.

A farewell party for Father Liam and Father Aldo is being coordinated.

Francine Pogue spoke about the success of the recent retreat offered for the Confirmandi in Rosa's Spanish speaking class. The 6 PM Mass at Immaculate Conception closed the retreat. It was a beautiful evening of bilingual liturgy. All calls for any parish office should be directed to the Amador Catholic Center at 209/223-2970.

The feast of the Most Holy Trinity is June 19th which is also Father's Day.

The feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is June 26th.

Maintenance, Landscaping and Repair:

Ed Justi, Steward

The water softener at Our Lady of the Pines was fitted with a new transformer.

The warning stripes on the front stairs at St. Bernard's were repainted.

The weeds at the Jackson and Volcano cemeteries were sprayed. Small groups of volunteers have been weed whacking at the Jackson cemetery.

Social Action: Joe Lang, Steward

The Breaking Bread with Friends breakfast held on Holy Saturday was well attended. Each visitor was given a mini Easter Basket filled with candy and chocolate. Due to the rummage sale being held at the Jackson Methodist Church, the breakfast had to be moved to the upstairs study. A Big Thank You to Our Lady of the Pines Society for their generous \$200.00 donation.