

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
St. Francis of Assisi
April 8, 2009

President Larry Harper opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:45 P.M. Members attending were: Father Dan, Larry Harper, Tom Robben, Lisa Strieker, Diane Wellen, Lori Dall, Brian Beckmann, Kevin Litteken, Tom Huelsmann (Trustee), and Frank Dall (Trustee).

The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

Larry Harper reported that Techknow Solutions will be updating the parish website. Photographs will be added to the names of the Pastoral Council members. There will be a link for sending e-mails to the Pastoral Council. In the future, we would like to see more pictures with each of the ministries on the website.

Steve AuBuchon has been working on a Mission Statement for the Pastoral Council. Members were given a copy and asked to read and suggest any changes for the next meeting.

Tom Robben and Diane Wellen reported on the progress of a Welcome Mixer for new members of the community. The preliminary figures suggest there are approximately 80-100 new families a year in Aviston, with about 50% being Catholic. We would like this to be an event where St. Francis Parish is inviting and welcoming people to our community. Advertising for this event would be in the Aviston Newsletter, on the signboards in town, and new parishioners would receive a direct mailing.

The Pastoral Council suggested to pay Tom Smith a stipend for speaking with us at the January meeting. The donation would go towards the foundation he has set up.

The FBI Child Identification Kits will be distributed on Sunday, April 19, at the Legion breakfast. Larry Harper will contact Mark Taylor to assist.

There will be a Cluster Pastoral Advisory Committee (CPAC) meeting on April 16 at 7:30 P.M. at St. Dominic's in Breese.

The Blessing of the Farm is on April 16 at Frank and Joann Dall's farm.

The next meeting will be held on May 13, at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Strieker, Secretary

