

St. Mary's Council Notes from Nov 13

1. Religious Ed. going okay. All-youth reconciliation service on Jan. 31. First Communion on April 29.
2. Several adult formation programs being prepared: options currently in Formed, book on forgiveness for faith sharing group (Dolores W), marriage retreat after Christmas, some kind of bible study on the Gospel of Mark, etc.
3. Dynamic Catholic book on "Perfection" will be distributed at Christmas.
4. Frank and Corrine Dostal attended the meeting of diocesan commissions at Fosston held recently.
5. A Thanksgiving Eve Mass is scheduled for 7 PM.
6. Christmas Day Mass is at 8:45 AM.
7. Ducer is meeting with Deb to measure the figures from the new nativity set and make a stable that fits them.
8. We have quite a few elderly and homebound in our parish at this time.
9. Tom Jerome will be preparing items for the Advent Giving Tree as in past years. The bank also has a giving tree.
10. Latest financial report shows we are on budget.
11. Fr. John has yet to get out a letter to the parishioners inviting an initial gift to establish a seminarian burse in the name of our parish.
12. Lori Foldesi, Jim Dostal and Alroy Monsrud were elected to the council. Lori will serve on the finance council and Jim and Alroy on the pastoral council.
13. The smelly carpet in the entrance was caused by excessive moisture in the new entrance rug. We simply need to make sure it is either hung up or turned over once in a while to get it dried out.
14. The cemetery cross has been replaced also the cemetery flag -- thank you to Jim and Tom Dostal for working on that. Charlie has put out the insulation blanket over the church drain field.
15. Deb will continue on as our secretary for the councils and Nathan will be our new chairperson.
16. Next meeting: Monday, Jan. 15 at 6:30 PM.