

Holyland Catholic Parishes Pastoral Council Meeting  
November 17, 2015

**Roll Call/Prayer:**

Members present: Gary Kraus, Mary Beth Mueller, Connie Pickart, Dan Sippel, Kim Graf, John Pickart, Jerome Bord, Francis Schmitz, Al Casper, Linda Koenigs, Paul Ditter, Sue Mueller and Father Gary Wegner. Father led us in an opening prayer.

**Minutes:** Francis Schmitz made a motion to approve minutes. Seconded by Al Casper.

**Pastoral Council Committee Minutes:**

- A. **Christian Formation:** Will be hosting Soup & Substance on February 16, March 1 and March 15. Spirits & Spirituality will be on February 21<sup>st</sup> and March 10<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation students attended a retreat to Camp Tekakwitha in Shawano with positive reviews of both camp and the children. Connie Pickart will be the liaison for this committee.
- B. **Pastoral Care:** Sr. Stephen being well received by St. Mary's and St. John's. Follow up with families on loved ones who have passed. Father Larry/Father Gary will be visiting homebound parishioners once a month. Trying to establish a list of all homebound in all parishes. Dinner for widowers in December at Blanck's.
- C. **Human Concerns:** Met November 9. Were able to put together 60 boxes of donations to House of Peace-Milwaukee. Some items went to Holyland Food Pantry. In December, St. Isidore and St. John's has gifting tree. St. Mary's is doing a collection of hats, mittens, etc.
- D. **Prayer & Worship:** Met on September 2 and November 16. Preparing for advent and Christmas. Will have families participate in lighting of advent wreath each mass. Put together goodie bags for St. Nicholas Mass. Discussed having one mass only when parish is having their Parish festival. To help support each parishes festival.
- E. **Festivals-** Update on parish festivals. St. Mary's festival is on September 27, 2015. Everything is coming along well. New signs are up. St. Isidore Festival is on November 1, 2015. St. John's was held on July 19 and it was successful and everything went well.
- F. **Holyland Catholic School Advisory Council:** Met on October 22. Election of officers. Assigned member of school board to each school committee. Budget in good shape. Discusses new ideas for Big Ticket Raffle. Voted on Security system for school.
- G. **Finance Councils - Projects Update.** St. John's statutes are being ordered for cemetery. Roof needs fixing. St. John's donating St. John's statute to grotto in St. Cloud. St. Mary's put timer on light. Will need to address windows and tower need repair in spring. St. Cloud will need to address wall/parking lot.

**Agenda Items**

1. Bylaws for the Pastoral Council: Will review at next meeting.
2. Mission Statement for Holyland Catholic Parishes: Will review at next meeting.
3. Year of Mercy begins in November: Archdiocese's website has ideas for monthly things to do.
4. 2016 Winter/Spring Calendar. Discussed gift for Archbishop when he comes to visit. Recognize and celebrate marriage.
5. Suggestions for FOCCUS Couples to work with the engaged couples. Suggested various couples to ask to help newly engaged couples. Training is coming up in January.
6. District 8 meeting: Next meeting in April 9. Discussed how to retain high school students. Discussed Mission trips-District wide. Discussed viewing DVD-Mass matters with counsel members, religious education students, go to website for new ideas.
7. Recruitment of Liturgical Ministers: Discussed having sign up/training for all three parishes.
8. Pastors Report: none at this time.
9. Other Business: none at this time.

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: January 5, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist.