

Holyland Catholic Parishes Pastoral Council Meeting  
September 1, 2015

**Roll Call/Prayer:**

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

**Minutes:** Connie Pickart made a motion to approve minutes. Seconded by Francis Schmitz.

**Pastoral Council Committee Minutes:**

- A. **Christian Formation:** No meeting yet. Parishes will be having brat frys on September 19 to support confirmation students retreat at Camp Tekakwitha in Shawano. Confirmation date is April 16 at 10:00 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Church.
- B. **Pastoral Care:** Sr. Jenada met with the members from all three parishes. Trying to get list of all homebound in the area. Healing mass in November. Formation of Widow and widowers group.
- C. **Human Concerns:** Met recently and organized all the school supplies that were donated. In November will hold food drive and donate any items to House of Peace. There will be a dedication of the Holyland Food Pantry on Saturday, October 17, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. at St. Pauls United Church of Christ.
- D. **Prayer & Worship:** Will meet September 2. Father Gary will be having training sessions for servers on September 30. Will discuss the possibility of a children's choir. Will discuss how to handle masses for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter and Christmas Eve and Christmas. Will discuss the possibility of a blessing of vehicles and recreational vehicles on Memorial Day weekend.
- 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 August 27, 2015. Committee members brainstormed about new members to add to school advisory council. Enrollment is up 10% over and above projected numbers. Will be looking into getting new sign for school. Two new teachers on staff: Mrs. Haen will be teaching 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade, along with music. Mrs. Freund will be teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Father Gary would like to add Flag Pole at school.
- G. **Finance Councils - Projects Update.** Father Gary recently sent proxy letters to Archdiocese for St. Isidore to replace boiler, St. Mary's to repair steeple and windows and St. John's to replace statues in the cemetery.

**Agenda Items**

1. Bylaws for the Pastoral Council: Father Gary had template form from Archdiocese for us to review before next meeting.
2. Suggestions for FOCCUS Couples to work with the engaged couples.
3. Year of Mercy begins in November: At next meeting would like to discuss ways our parishes can observe this Year of Mercy. Review notes before next meeting.
4. Feast of St. Francis will be celebrated at all masses the weekend of October 3/4.
5. National Fire Prevention Week - Blessing of Firefighters at all Masses the weekend of October 10/11.
6. Heritage Mass at St. Lawrence Seminary on October 18 at 10:15 a.m.
7. St. Isidore Volunteer Recognition Dinner will be held at Cabaret on October 5<sup>th</sup>. All parish volunteers welcome. St. John's the Baptist does have an annual dinner in January. At this time St. Mary's does not have a volunteer dinner.

8. Pastors Report: Father Gary is very pleased with how things are going. If there is anything he needs to know—please let him know.

9. Other Business: Will talk to Prayer and Worship regarding honoring Veterans. Honoring Boy Scouts/Girls Scouts. Discussion on All Saints Day/All Soul Days. Indulgences discussion.

Next Meeting: November 17 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's

Linda Koenigs made a motion to adjourn and John Pickart seconded the motion.

Closing Prayer