

Holyland Catholic Parishes Pastoral Council Meeting
January 5, 2016

Roll Call/Prayer:

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

Minutes: Al Casper made a motion to approve minutes. Seconded by Jerome Bord.

Pastoral Council Committee Minutes:

- A. **Christian Formation:** Religious ed students will be participating in Happy Birthday Jesus on Wednesday, January 6, 2015. Children are preparing for First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation.
- B. **Pastoral Care:** Sr. Stephen and Sr. Jenada will be having dinner for all involved in pastoral care. Sr. Stephen is currently visiting 20 home-bound people. There was some discussion about having someone else with Sr. Stephen/Dr. Jenada when they visit parishioners for the first time.
- C. **Human Concerns:** St. Isodore served 8 families and three individuals through its Giving Tree and also donated food to Holyland Food Pantry. The children in St. Isodore Religious Ed decorated a tree with mittens, sock and scarves and were distributed to needy families. St. John and St. Mary's provided items to Solutions Center; confirmation students visited homebound in our area, collected and donated food to Holyland Food Pantry, the children and families in St. John/Religious Ed Program purchased closed to \$900 worth of layette items for Christ Child Society to give out with the \$550 that was collected.
- D. **Prayer & Worship:** Meeting will be January 8, 2016.
- E. **Festivals-** No update at this time.
- F. **Holyland Catholic School Advisory Council:** Students donated socks, hat and mittens. Children visited homebound parishioners and brought them plates of bars/cookies. Collected over 50 pairs of new or gently used shoes. Discussion taking place with regard to some type of dress code for students. Currently having a fundraiser with Eaton's Pizzas. Catholic Schools Week Masses will be held on January 30 and 31st.
- G. **Finance Councils -** Donor came forward for St. Cloud Vestibule. Also donor came forward to purchase The Loop for Holy Cross Church—it helps people with hearing aides. Donations are coming in for St. Johns and St. Mary's. The St. Cloud wall is the parish's responsibility confirmed by village meeting minutes. Looking into a solution for a structural sound wall and at the most cost effective way. St. John's will be installing new light in basement. Holy Cross installed the new boiler.

Agenda Items:

1. St. John the Baptist 175th: Committee-Membership: Currently have 3 members. Will need someone to chair committee. Committee will discuss possible ideas for celebration including doing a Procession from original site to present site prior to Mass and a gift for Archbishop that reflects our parishes.
2. Pastor Gary Miller accepted invitation to preach at each church on weekend of January 23/24 for Week of Prayers for Christian Unity. Also offered to do some adult education after his retirement.
3. Discussed Holyland Catholic Parishes Mission 2017. We will look for someone to come in either spring or fall 2017. Paul Ditter made a motion to sponsor a mission for the Catholic Parishes. Sue Mueller seconded. Motion passed.
4. Lent - Discussed having Stations of the Cross on Fridays rotating between each parish. Father Gary will discuss with Dr. Erickson about having students at Holyland Catholic end Fridays with Stations of the Cross.

5. World Marriage Day - February 13, 2016 at St. Isidore and St. Johns. They will celebrate marriage anniversaries for the years: 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, etc.
6. Review of Advent/Christmas Liturgies & Outreach efforts: Discussed mass totals for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Good attendance at Christmas Eve masses. Christmas Day was hard to find people to help with mass. Discussed possibility of limiting the masses on Christmas day when it lands on a week day. Next year Christmas Eve and Christmas Day falls on a weekend and will follow typical weekend schedule.

The weekend of January 9-10 they will be celebrating with families who have had children baptized in the parish the past week. Each will receive a book Catholic Faith For Children.

7. Bylaws and Mission Statement were discussed by the Pastoral Council.
8. Pastors Report: Website needs updating. Blessed Art is going to be for sale weekend of January 23/24.
10. Other Business: Discussed possibility of having private confessions at St. Mary's.

Paul Ditter made a motion to adjourn, John Pickart seconded.

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: March 1, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.--St. Cloud Church Basement