

Holyland Catholic Parishes Pastoral Council Meeting  
March 1, 2016

**Roll Call/Prayer:**

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

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

**Pastoral Council Committee Minutes:**

- A. **Christian Formation:** Met on February 16. Combine parishes First Reconciliation was completed. Confirmation interviews are done. St. Mary's and St. John's had their First Eucharist retreat. February Soup and Substance well attended. Divine Mercy Sunday: Encourage people to attend the devotional at St. Mary's in Fond du Lac.
- B. **Pastoral Care:** On February 21<sup>st</sup>, Sr. Stephen and Sr. Jenada talked about visiting the sick.
- C. **Human Concerns:** Lenten Outreach collecting crib blankets, quilts, hats, socks, onesies, sleep and play rompers, diapers, toys, bibs, burp clothes, baby wipes.
- D. **Prayer & Worship:** Met on January 7 and February 8. Discussed having four people per parish when Blessing of Throats and incorporating it into mass. Discussed serving communion to the choir. Anniversary Masses were well attended.
- E. **Festivals-** New committee members: Jacob and Kayla Brenner and Tammy Koenigs. Paul and Mary Casper will be leading St. John's Parish Festival. St. Isidore will have brat fry on March 13. A donation has been made so that Autumnfest will have a polka mass.
- F. **Holyland Catholic School Advisory Council:** Met on January 28-discussed personnel and budget items. Celebrated Catholic School Week: students made Valentine's for shut-ins, attended all school mass at Holy Family and participated in weekend masses at the parishes. Met on February 25-discussed personnel and budget items. Discussed looking at depositing trust fund into the Fond du Lac Area Catholic Education Foundation Fund. Vote to increase tuition \$100 per student for grade school and \$50 per student for preschool. Pizza Fundraiser was successful. Candy bar sales starting soon.
- G. **Finance Councils** - Budget reports were included in last week bulletin. St. Cloud vestibule will be going in soon. St. Cloud received donation to install the Loop. Donations are welcomed for St. Mary's: Windows/Tower project, St. Isidore: Parking lot and wall and St. John's roof repair and cemetery statues.

Agenda Items:

1. **Holyland Catholic Parishes - Review of first 8 months:** Cluster seems to be going well. Enjoying Father Gary, Father Zoy, Father Abler, Father Oliver leading masses.
2. **St. John the Baptist 175h Anniversary Committee Report:** Committee in place. Mass will be June 18 at 4:15 p.m. Archbishop ListECKI will be leading mass. St. Paul's parish offered to help serve lunch after.
3. **Bylaws for the Pastoral Council-Final Version:** Will finalize changes and will send out to committee members.
4. **Holyland Catholic Parishes - Mass & Milwaukee Brewer Baseball Game - August 27.** Will be taking bus to Milwaukee Brewer v. Pittsburgh Pirates on August 27. Leave around 2 p.m., mass in parking lot at 4 p.m. and game at 6 p.m.
5. **Fr. Joe Coerber's 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee as a Priest on Sunday, May 29 at 10:00 AM at St. Mary.**
6. **Associate Pastor:** Father Zoy going to be teaching theology at St. Lawrence Seminary next year. Inviting Father Joseph, India, to possible join parish as associate pastor. Father Gary will be meeting with him in April.
7. **Parade Float:** Looking for people interested in helping with float this year! Would like to have St. John

the Baptist theme to celebrate 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary St. John the Baptist Church.

8. **Mission Statement:** would like a statement to reflect our parishes. Will explore more in fall.

9. **Pastor's Report:** Preparing for Holy week . Wayne Daun completed baptismal font for St. Mary's. Br. M.J. Gorak spoke to religious ed at Holy Cross. Soup and Substance canceled March 1<sup>st</sup> due to weather.

10. **Other Business:** Father Gary going to India in April. While there will be meeting with potential new associate pastor, Father Joseph. At May meeting need to discuss elections for pastoral council.

Jerome Bord made a motion to adjourn, Connie Pickart seconded.

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: May 3, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.--St. Mary's