

Holyland Catholic Parishes Pastoral Council Meeting
November 8, 2016

Roll Call/Prayer:

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

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

Pastoral Council Committee Minutes:

- A. **Christian Formation:** See notes below—Agenda 5.
- B. **Pastoral Care:** No update at this time.
- C. **Human Concerns:** They will be meeting next Monday to put together Thanksgiving meals.
- D. **Prayer & Worship:** Meeting on November 21. Had healing mass on Thursday. Discussed mass service before Turkey Trot. Had All Souls Celebrations at two parishes. New Winter/Spring Calendar 2017. Will have Veterans Mass this weekend with blessing of flag pole at St. Isidore. Will invite parents who have had children baptized previous year. Dan Schultz new pastor at St. Paul's. Will have world marriage day celebration. Christmas we will have 5 Christmas Eve masses and 2 Christmas masses plus a possible Spanish Christmas mass.
- E. **Festivals-** St. Mary's Festival went good—lots of carry-outs because of nice weather. St. Isidore had a nice turn out.
- F. **Holyland Catholic School Advisory Council:** No update at this time.
- G. **Finance Councils -** St. Cloud has had more discussions about the wall. Sidewalk is being put in. Parking lot collection still continuing. St. John's re-tarring roof. St. Mary's tuck-pointing being done. St. Mary's having Holiday Raffle to generate funds for building and grounds.

Agenda Items:

1. **Committee to promote parish mission during Lent and suggestions for how to do this.** We will be having a parish mission in March, 2017. Connie Pickart, Sue Mueller and Kim Graf will be on the committee to promote parish mission. Karen Abler graciously agreed to help out too.
2. **Photo directory status.** Committee members: MaryBeth Mueller, Connie Pickart and Linda Koenigs. Discussed putting together one photo book for all three parishes. Gueller's suggested setting aside 2-3 months for the photos to be done. Discussed the possibility of April/May/June. Parishioners will be sent a letter and asking them to call Guellers to set up time to come in. Will promote after Christmas.
3. **Spanish Mass—**Father has been asked to do a Spanish mass twice a month. Would like to see a good number of people before adding masses but feels need to have at least two masses to keep them coming. Discussing the possibility of doing Christmas/Good Friday/Easter Vigil masses in Spanish also. Believes we will be having some baptisms soon. Will be moving piano into front of church and hopefully can add some music to Spanish mass as well.
4. **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service.** Will be having service before Turkey Trot. Thankful to those involved with the Turkey Trot and agreed to move it back a half hour so they can have service beforehand.
5. **Religious Education Report on how it is going—**Karen Abler reported that there are 150 students in grades 1-8 and 80 students in the high school religious education program. They have catechist and 2 parent helpers in each room. Also having family masses. Had a middle school retreat recently and that went well. Brat Frys for confirmation retreat and had much success. Confirmation students went to St. Bens and helped sort blankets and clothes, discussed St. Ben's meal program and got to eat with the guests. First Reconciliation candidates will be meeting Nov. 9. They are 12 First Reconciliation and First Communion students this year. The religious ed will be working on St. Nick's treats for the homebound, Happy Birthday Baby Jesus gifts. This is the first year they had a Living Rosary and that went very well. The Christian Formation committee has been very helpful.

6. **Report from Archdiocesan Pastoral Council - Fond du Lac/Sheboygan Deanery meeting.** Mary Beth Mueller and Francis Schmitz attended. One of the things discussed how things would change if under new administration/Archbishop. Also that a Sheboygan Parish is now having Hmong Masses that are well attended.

7. **Election of Officers**—President MaryBeth Mueller, Vice President Francis Schmitz and Secretary Kim Graf were asked to remain until the end of this year and we will reelect officers next year. We will need to establish terms for the current members, which will be discussed at next meeting.

8. **Other Business**—None at this time.

Francis Schmitz made a motion to adjourn, Linda Koenigs seconded.

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: January 3 at St. John's