

**Holyland Catholic Parishes Pastoral Council Meeting
September 19, 2017**

Roll Call/Prayer:

Mary Beth opened the meeting at 6:30 with a prayer led by Fr. Gary.

Members Present: Mary Beth Mueller, Gary Kraus, Connie Pickart, Dan Sippel, Francis Schmitz, Jerome Bord, Eric Halbach, Allen Casper, Sue Mueller, Pat Olig, Fr. Gary and Guest: Sr. Jenada

Absent: Kim Graff and Soledad Theel

Minutes: The May 2, 2017 minutes were approved.

Pastoral Council Committee Minutes:

- A. **Christian formation:** A survey was sent to parents of the Religious Ed program. Fr. Gary will tally the results and report at the next meeting.
- B. **Pastoral Care:** Sr. Jenada related the various projects the committee is involved in, including Welcoming Baskets, Prayer Shawls, Healing Mass, Socials for nursing home residents.
- C. **Human Concerns:** Sr. Jenada again reported that school supplies were collected and distributed to the House of Peace and the Holyland Food Pantry, A Thanksgiving and Christmas Collection will be future projects.
- D. **Prayer and Worship:** Planning is underway for numerous events, an Ecumenical Thanksgiving service, Mass schedules for All Saints/All Souls Day, Christmas Day/Eve, News Years day/eve, Mass scheduling for festivals.
- E. **Festivals:** St. Mary's Harvestfest is Sunday, Sept. 24th. There is no 8:00 am Mass scheduled for St. Cloud (parking lot under renovation). Parishioners are encouraged to attend the 8:30 am Mass at Marytown.
- F. **Holyland Catholic School Advisory Council:** meeting on Thursday the 21st.
- G. **Finance Councils-Project Updates:** The porch at the rectory is being repaired; the St. Cloud Parking lot project is nearing completion; St. Mary's parking lot is resealed and repainted; St. Mary's rectory is being made ready for Fr. Carl Diederichs.

Agenda Items:

1. The All Souls Remembrance will be at St. Mary's on Wed, Nov. 1st at 6:30pm (eve) and at Holy Cross on Thursday, Nov. 2nd at 6:30pm.
2. There was a good discussion regarding an 'outreach' program to 'reach out' to 'alienated' Catholics in the Holyland.
3. Festivals and Masses: In the future, Mass schedules may change to encourage parishioners to attend the various fundraisers at all the Holyland Catholic Parishes. We will consider having one Mass on the Sunday of each of the four festivals.
4. Fr. Carl Diederichs: Fr. Carl, a native Marytown, will reside at the rectory in Marytown, and may conduct 'Adult Bible Study' classes. He may also help out with Masses.
5. Lent 2018: Council members are encouraged to consider possibilities of services to be held during Lent.

Francis Schmitz moved for adjournment and Sue Mueller seconded. Fr. Gary led the Closing Prayer. The meeting adjourned at 7:55.

Next meeting November 14, 2017 at St. Mary's

Respectfully submitted: Connie Pickart