

# Holyland Catholic Parishes Pastoral Council Minutes

January 16, 2018

## Roll Call/ Prayer:

Members present: Father Gary Wegner, Jerome Board, Sue Mueller, Gary Kraus, Mary Beth Mueller, Connie Pickart, Dan Sippel, Kim Graf, Francis Schmitz, Eric Halbach, Soledad Theel, Pat Olig, Al Casper.

Opening prayer:

Pastoral Council Committee Minutes

A. Christian Formation: Their primary focus was preparing for and presenting Three Kings. Well received by community.

B. Pastoral Care--Had dinner at Villa Rosa for parishioners which everyone enjoyed. Next week they will be having ice cream social for everyone at Villa Rosa. Also there will be a gathering with Villa Loretta residents.

C. Human Concerns--On December 18 they put together boxes for 19 families which included 4 gifts for each family member (3 gifts of something they needed and 1 fun gift), gift card for groceries or received groceries. All of these families do receive donations through the Holyland Food Pantry. All donations were very generous.

D. Prayer and Worship: This past weekend had mass for people baptized here. St. Blaze/Blessing of Throats and World Marriage Day coming up. Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day on same day this year. Discussed the timing of Holy Thursday. Will meet again on February 5.

E. Festivals: The next festival is the Brat Fry in St. Cloud on March 18.

F. School: Trust fund has been invested.

G. Finance Council-Project update: St. Cloud Wall will need to be replaced, St. John's Lighting has been installed, St. Mary's School there is an offer to take it down and St. Mary's working on getting Church repainted. Easter Candles were generously donated for all parishes.

Agenda Items:

Reviewed Christmas mass counts for each parish. Possible choir at all masses for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Possible children's nativity at St. John's 4:15 mass.

Adding Good Friday service at either 6 pm or 7pm along with the 1 o'clock or 1:30 pm service. Father Gary will follow up with prayer and worship committee.

Catechists meeting minutes were reviewed including doing a Vacation Bible School in July for grades 1-5 for a week with looking at maybe 2 weeks in the future. They are looking at forming a committee.

Discussed outdoor mass at St. John's on June 23 at the original site as this would be the nativity of St. John the Baptist.

This year during lent Father Carl will be leading an adult Bible study in the morning and evening on Wednesdays. Discussed having Stations of the Cross each week. Afternoons at St. John's after school and in the evening at other churches.

Pastoral Council election: Mary Beth, Dr. Schmitz and Al Casper will work on figuring out who is up for replacement. Each individual will email Mary Beth with date they started on the council.

Proposed summer/ autumn calendar: Please review and email Father Gary if dates/ times needed to be adjusted. Discussed having one mass at the parish when each has their festival.

Adjourned by Soledad Theel