

Saint Isidore Parish Council
January 28, 2014
6:30 p.m., Saint Cloud Meeting Room

Jeff Meyer called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. All members of the Parish Pastoral Council were present, except Connie Pickart.

Jeff led the opening prayer and all recited the St. Isidore mission statement. Bob Muellenbach moved to approve the November 19, 2013 minutes and Mary Beth seconded.

Parish Pastoral Council Committees:

Prayer and Worship: The Committee met on January, 7th. Saturday, February 1st is First Reconciliation, and Sunday, February 2nd is the Presentation of the Confirmation Candidates along with the Confirmation Brunch. The same weekend is also Blessing of the Throats.

Festival: Autumnfest has been changed to Sunday, October 19th due to the original date of November 2nd falling on All Souls Day. This will be for just this year. The Bob Kuether band will be being doing a Polka Mass. Looking at 9:00 a.m. **Next year, a Heavy Metal band ??? J Parish Brat fry is Sunday, March 16th. Tickets are ready for pick-up by Parish Members. The combined choir will sing at 10:00 Mass which will be at St. Cloud.

Human Concerns: Committee met on Monday, December 16th to put together the gifts and care packages for the adopted families.

Christian Formation: During Lent there will again be three Soup & Substance gatherings on Tuesdays, March 11th, 25th, and April 8th. We are also adding two Spirits and Spirituality gatherings on Tuesdays, March 18th and April 1st at 7:00 p.m.

Pastoral Care: No minutes were available.

Parish Finance Council & Committees

Meeting was held on January 15th. Ken Sabel will present to the Buildings and Grounds Committee and Finance Council bids for taking down Saint Cloud school. Still in the process of getting bids. Looking at different ideas for the contents of the school. St. Cloud Fire Department will hold a practice drill at the school. A boiler has been ordered thru Mannenbach for St. Cloud Church. Looking into the possibility of getting defibrillators in the back of the three churches.

C.P.E.S. Council Updates:

Dr. Rick Erickson will be holding Town Hall meetings to address any concerns/issues and to answer any questions parents may have. The public is welcome. Looking into changing the name of the school to Holyland Catholic School.

Pastor's Report:

Father Gary would like lights put into the center back of St. Joe Church. Not enough light, especially when doing Baptisms. May be replacing the door at the Parish Office. Will be looking into this.

Would like to form a committee for the Mount Calvary & Saint Cloud Firemen's parades on Sunday, July 27th and Saturday, August 9th. Mary Beth Mueller will head this.

There will be a prayer service on Sunday, April 6th for the healing of the sexual abuse that took place at the hands of clergy. Fr. Gary talked to Amy Peterson about ideas. Prayer & Worship will head this.

Lenten Activities: With the upcoming Spirits & Spirituality evenings, Fr. Gary is really hoping to reach out to the 30 and 40 year old age group.

Archdiocesan Synod-District Gathering will be held on Saturday, February 22nd at Holy Family Parish in Fond du Lac. Along with the adult representatives from our Parish, we will be sending two youth representatives, Gabrielle Mueller and Hannah Hellman.

Jubilees: On Sunday, May 25th Fr. Gary will be celebrating his 25th anniversary of his ordination at the 10:00 Mass. Fr. Rupert Dorn will also celebrate his 70th Jubilee. A number of former pastors, assistant pastors and Sons of the Parish have been invited to join in the celebration. Fr. Wayne Bittner has been invited to celebrate his 50th Jubilee on June 8th, Fr. Bernie Sippel would like to celebrate his 50th Jubilee at St. Cloud on May 17, 2015, and Father Oliver's 50th Jubilee will be on September 16, 2015.

The end of year get together has been changed to Monday, June 9th as Fr. Gary will be out of the country on the original scheduled date.

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be Tuesday, February 18, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Cross meeting room.

The Meeting ended with a prayer at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully, Mary Beth Mueller

Saint Isidore Parish Council
February 18, 2014
6:30pm, Holy Cross Meeting Room

Jeff Meyer called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. All members of the Parish Pastoral Council were present.

Jeff led the opening prayer and all recited the St. Isidore mission statement.

Jim Kraus moved to approve the January minutes and Bob seconded.

Parish Pastoral Council Committees:

Prayer and Worship - Meeting has been rescheduled for February 19, 2014.

Festival Committee - Brat Fry plans are progressing well. Food donations and work schedules are being filled.

Human Concerns - no meeting scheduled.

Christian Formation - 'Soup/Substance' and 'Spirits/Spirituality' sessions are finalized. The Soup and substance sessions will be led by Fr. Paul Craig, OFM Cap, Mr. Joe Zenk and Fr. Michael Bertram will preside over the Spirits/Spirituality.

Pastoral Care – no meeting scheduled.

Parish Finance Council & Committees:

Building and Grounds – The boiler at St. Cloud is being installed. Several projects will be presented to the Finance Committee. Among them are: painting the outside trim at St. Joe, additional lighting in Mt. Calvary parking lot, improve lighting in St. Joe vestibule, railing and signage at the Holy Cross Cemetery.

It will be necessary to wait one year to resurface the St. Cloud parking lot after the school is razed.

Cemetery - A meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2014. D. Driefurst and D. Kohlman have provided a ledger of the St. Cloud Cemetery.

CPES Council Updates: Administrator Rick Erickson was pleased with the good turnout at the CPES Town Hall meeting. He is expecting all of the current 6th graders will return next year. St Lawrence Seminary hosted a program for our students.

Fr. Gary will formally present to the school board, a name change for CPES, Consolidated Parochial Elementary School, to 'Holyland Catholic School' which better reflects who we are.

Other Business:

A request for **defibrillators** at all St. Isidore's churches will be presented to the parishioners. Bob will ask the East Shore Lions if they might be able to provide monetary help.

Clustering with St. John's and St. Mary's is scheduled to be finalized by July of 2015. Fr. Joe will retire June, 2015. Concerns were discussed.

"What does the '**New Evangelization**' mean to our parish" was briefly discussed. More about 'being a friend of Jesus', 'making a friend', and 'introducing your friend to Jesus' will be addressed at future meetings.

Lenten activities include the 'Soup and Substance' and 'Spirit and Spirituality' sessions. Three 'Soup and Substance' sessions are scheduled for March 11, 25th and April 8 at 11 -12:00 at Holy Cross. Two Spirits and Spirituality sessions will be March 18, 7:00 pm, at Maximillions in Mt. Calvary, and April 1, 7:00 pm, at Cabaret in St. Cloud. Bring someone along.

The Christian Formation Committee has recommended a '**Parish Mission**' be scheduled for the fall of 2014. Fr. Mike Crosby will officiate.

The '**Candlelight Vigil**' supporting all sexual abuse victims is scheduled for April 6, 2014.

Pastor's Report:

Father Gary would like to begin soliciting volunteers for the Religious Ed program the beginning of March instead of waiting for summer. He also is proposing a 'Sign Up Sunday' for this and other parish ministries.

Due to the conflict with the Spirits and Spirituality program, the next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be March 18, 2014, 6:00 pm at the Holy Cross meeting room.

The meeting was closed with a prayer at 8:20 pm.

Connie Pickart, Council Secretary

Saint Isidore Parish Council
March 18, 2014
6:00pm, Holy Cross Meeting Room

Jeff Meyer called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. All members of the Parish Pastoral Council were present except Jim Kraus and Bob Muellenbach.

Jeff led the opening prayer and all recited the St. Isidore mission statement.

Mary Beth moved to approve the February minutes and Diana seconded.

Because of the 'Spirits and Spirituality' session scheduled for 7:00 this evening, the Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council Committee reports, as well as the CPES update were deferred.

Other Business:

The **Parish Renewal** (Mission) will begin the weekend of October 11, 2014 with Fr. Mike Crosby presiding at all Masses. Sessions are planned Sunday evening for 'Religious Ed' students, also Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday morning and evenings for the parishioners. There will be a separate session for members of the Finance and Parish Pastoral Councils after the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, October 12th, 2014.

Fr. Crosby presents several ideas as possible topics. After discussion, the topic of "Faith" was recommended.

It was agreed that all sessions would be best served if located at the Mt. Calvary site, because it is more easily accessible. Fr. Crosby would still preside at all the sites for Mass.

The neighboring parishes, Marytown and Johnsbury, will be invited to participate in the Renewal Sessions.

On March 31, 2014, there will be a **joint meeting** with St. Isidore's Pastoral Council, St. Johns, Johnsbury, and St. Mary's, Marytown, councils. An archdiocesan representative will preside over the joint meeting. A follow-up joint meeting with the finance committees will be April 14th, 2014.

Pastor's Report:

Father Gary has proposed a "Sign-up Sunday" for St. Isidore the Farmer parishioners to sign up and volunteer for various parish ministries, including, but not limited to, Liturgical ministries, parish committees, Religious Education teachers.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. St. Isidore the Farmer Parish will hold a candlelight service to pray for all victims and survivors of sexual abuse. Father will insert a flyer in the bulletin explaining the event. Father passed out a sample program for the prayer session and asked for comments from the council.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 with a prayer.

Connie Pickart, Council Secretary

Saint Isidore Parish Council
April 15, 2014
6:30pm, Holy Cross Meeting Room

Jeff Meyer led the opening prayer at 6:30 pm with all members present. All recited the St. Isidore the Farmer mission statement Jim moved to approve the March minutes and Bob seconded.

Parish Pastoral Council Committee Minutes

Members reviewed some of the scheduled activities of the Prayer/Worship Committee. There were no other committee reports.

Parish Finance Council and Committees

There were none.

Consolidated Parochial Elementary School Council

Fr. Gary has suggested a separate budget for the CPES and will discuss it with the Finance Council.

Other Business:

Fr. Gary and members of the council reviewed the proceedings of the **joint meeting** of St. Isidore and the St. John and St. Mary's **Pastoral Councils**. All three parishes provided insight as to expectations and concerns about the future clustering. Three options were presented by archdiocesan facilitator, Mark Kemmeter. Members of this council suggested that the most viable option would be to share staff, programs, and committees. Finances would be maintained separately by each parish. Some facilities would be shared.

A tentative date for the next **joint meeting** of the Pastoral Councils is May 12, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the Holy Cross meeting room.

The joint meeting of the **Finance Councils** was held April 14, 2014. More concerns and expectations were discussed. It was emphasized that this clustering needs to take into account the schedule of the Pastor. Separate meetings should take place at the same place and time so that the pastor will be available for each parish.

The **Prayer of Remembrance** for victims of sexual abuse was held April 6th. Fr. Gary stressed that help is available for all victims.

Fr. Michael Bertram and Joe Zenk led the two **Spirits and Spirituality** sessions. The sessions were well attended. Feedback was good. Other sessions may be held again in 2015

Council members were asked if a **Brewer Game** with a tailgate **Mass** would be worth looking into. The council noted considerable interest. July 12, 2014 is a possible date.

Is it in the best interest of the parish to upgrade and reorganize the music program at St. Isidore the Farmer? The possibility of hiring a **Music Minister** was discussed and council members thought it would be worthwhile pursuing, since good music is so important to the celebration of the Mass.

Pastor's Report:

Fr. Gary is looking into the possibility of holding sessions with older parents whose adult children do not practice the faith. How can we as parents "pass on the Faith"?

A 'walk-through' of the St. Cloud School building is scheduled for May 31, 2014. Music and a brat fry, along with a service of Thanksgiving, may be included. The building is scheduled to be demolished this Spring.

Blessing of Fields is scheduled for June 9, 2014,

The May 7th meeting is canceled but will be coordinated with the Joint meeting of the Pastoral Council meeting scheduled for May 12, 2015

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 with a prayer.

Connie Pickart, Council Secretary

Saint Isidore Parish Council
June 09, 2014
6:30pm, Holy Cross Meeting Room

Jeff Meyer led the opening prayer at 6:30 pm with all members present except Melissa Bink. All recited the St. Isidore the Farmer mission statement Mary Beth moved to approve the April minutes and Jim seconded.

Parish Pastoral Council Committee Minutes

- A. The **Prayer and Worship** Committee noted some changes to the Liturgical schedule. A few changes were made to the Easter Triduum. Dates were sent to the Diocese for scheduling the Confirmation liturgical service.
- B. The **Festival Committee** noted a successful Spring Raffle and 'Treasures from the Attic' sale. Autumnfest will be October 19, 2014 beginning with a 9:00 am Polka Mass.
- C. No **Human Concerns** meeting.
- D. **Christian Formation** is desperately looking for teachers for the up-coming year. Especially needed are high school leaders.
- E. Sr. Jennada received a donation for the **Pastoral Care** ministry and has procured items for a bereavement library. A number of booklets will be available for grieving families.

Parish Finance Council & Committees

- A. The **Building/Grounds** will be installing new lights for the parking and a cemetery sign at Holy Cross. The window and door trims at St Joe Church will be painted. Demolition of the St, Cloud school building will begin this week.
- B. There was no **Cemetery** meeting.
- C. The **Finance Council** noted a miscalculation regarding the number of CPES students, resulting in a budget shortfall.

Consolidated Parochial Elementary School Council

The **CPES** school year ended successfully. Nearly 100% of the students will return for the next term. Two new teachers have been hired. The 2014-2015 enrollment is estimated at about 55 students.

Other Business:

- A. Mary Beth has begun planning for the **St. Isidore the Farmer float** for the St. Cloud/Mt. Calvary parades. Working hands are needed.
- B. The St. Isidore the Farmer **Parish Mission** will begin September 15, 2014. Fr. Mike Crosby will preside.
- C. A third **Joint Parish Pastoral Council** meeting with St. Johns, Johnsburg and St. Mary's, Marytown, parishes will be in September; date to be announced.

Pastor's Report:

Fr. Gary noted that, for personal reasons, Melissa Bink has resigned as a Pastoral Council member. Suggestions for a new appointee were made. Gary Kraus will be contacted to continue Melissa's term.
Thank You Melissa for your service on the Council.

May is when we usually choose new Council members. Since we are in the process of clustering with the Johnsburg and Marytown Parishes, it would be disruptive to add new members at this time. The Council was in agreement and all members will remain for another year or until the clustering is complete.

Fr. Zoy Garaibay will be the new helper for St. Isidore the Farmer Parish.

Fr. Gary thanked all for contributing to his 25th Anniversary celebration and gift.

Connie Pickart, Council Secretary

Saint Isidore Parish Council
June 09, 2014
6:30pm, Holy Cross Meeting Room

A correction is noted for the June 9th Parish Pastoral Council meeting minutes.

Under **Pastor's Report**.....

*"Fr. Gary noted that, for personal reasons, Melissa Bink has resigned as a Pastoral Council member. Suggestions for a new appointee were made. Gary Kraus will be contacted to continue Melissa's term. **Thank You Melissa for your service on the Council.**"*

Melissa did not resign. Trustees are elected/appointed for a 2-year term. Melissa did complete her term as Trustee. Gary Kraus will be contacted to serve as a new Parish Pastoral Council Trustee.

The sentiments are the same, **"Thank You Melissa for your service on the Council."**

I apologize for any confusion I may have made.

Connie

Saint Isidore Parish Pastoral Council
September 8, 2014
6:30 pm Holy Cross Meeting Room

Jeff Meyer led the opening prayer. Members of the 2014–2015 Parish Pastoral Council include: Chairman Jeff Meyer, vice-chair Mary Beth Mueller, Secretary Connie Pickart, Trustees Shirley Horn and Gary Kraus, Diana Abler, Bob Muellenbach, Jim Kraus and Dan Sippel. All read the 'mission statement'.

Approve June 09, 2014 Minutes/Amended Minutes

Dan moved to approve the June minutes/amended minutes; Jim seconded.

Parish Pastoral Council Committee Minutes

- A. **Prayer/Worship** rescheduled for September 22, 2014.
- B. **The Festival Committee** reports the 'Autumnfest', October 19, 2014, is being finalized.
- C. Mary Beth reported '**Human Concerns**' has been busy packing up school supplies.
- D. **Christion Formation** is planning a library at the Holy Cross and St. Cloud sites. Advent and Christmas events are pending.
- E. No report from **Pastoral Care**.

Parish Finance Council Update and Committee Minutes

- A. The **Building and Grounds** Committee has been busy with improvements at St. Joe, painting; at Holy Cross, parking lot, railings at Holy Cross cemetery; a plaque to be installed at flag pole site at St. Cloud. The St. Cloud school building has been demolished and a graveled parking lot established. Pews and kneelers have been removed for floor resurfacing. Padding on the kneelers will be replaced. Donations have been received for this project. Future projects for 2015 might include building and landscaping repairs at the Rectory; paving of the St. Cloud parking lot and repair to the street wall. All St. Isidore's property needs to be inventoried for insurance purposes. Current projects have been budgeted or donated and future projects will be discussed at Finance Council meetings.
- B. A sheltered site/box for the rules for the **Cemeteries** will be installed. Statues at the Holy Cross cemetery will be repaired and repainted.

Consolidated Parochial Elementary School/Catholic School of the Holy Land

Dr. Erickson will hold another 'Town Hall' meeting September 11, 2014. Bob has volunteered to be the new Pastoral Council liaison to the CPES.

Other Business

- A. Options for **clustering** with St. Mary's, Marytown and St. John's, Johnsburg, will be discussed September 29, 2014 at a joint meeting.
- B. Fall Events-
 - a. Fr. Mike Crosby will conduct a **Parish Renewal**, aka Parish Mission, Monday, September 15 - Wednesday, September 17, 2014. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend the morning, 8:45-10:15, and evening, 6:30-8:00, sessions.
 - b. As stated above, **Autumnfest** is being finalized.
 - c. A **Heritage Mass** at St. Lawrence Seminary will be October 26, 2014 at 10:15, replacing the 10:00 Mass at Holy Cross.
 - d. A **Volunteers Dinner** will be held October 6, 2014, at The Cabaret.
 - e. There will be an **All Soul's** Day remembrance service, Sunday, November 11, 2014, at 6:30 at holy Cross.
 - f. At the weekend Masses of October 11/12, 2014, Volunteer **Firefighters** will be honored with a special **blessing**.
 - g. **Blessing of Hunters** will be November 15/16, 2014.
- C. **Safeguarding All God's Children** is meant for all parishioners.
- D. A discussion followed regarding the hiring of a '**Parish Music Ministry**'. The Council encouraged Fr. Gary to pursue the formation of such a ministry, to start a dialog with perspective ministers/music leaders, and approach the Parish Finance Council for funding and budgeting.
- E. Fr. Gary noted it was very difficult to find **High School Religious Education Teachers**.

Pastor's Report

Fr. Zoy, new assistant, has begun celebrating Mass at St. Isidore.

Parish by-laws need to be rewritten by June, 2015.

One member from each Church site needs to attend a training session for using the newly donated defibrillators. Dan Sippel has volunteered for Holy Cross and individuals will be asked from St. Joe and St. Cloud.

Another 'Focus' couple is needed for the pre-marriage core.

The meeting ended at 8:20 with a prayer.

Connie Pickart, Council Secretary

Saint Isidore Parish Pastoral Council
November 25, 2014
7:00 pm Holy Cross Meeting Room

The 'Opening Prayer and Mission Statement' were read by all members of the Pastoral Council. Bob Muellenbach was absent.

Approve September 8, 2014 Minutes

Jim Kraus moved to approve the September minutes. Shirley Horn seconded.

Parish Pastoral Council Committee Minutes

- A. **Prayer/Worship** has begun plans for the 2014 Advent/ Christmas Season
- B. **The Festival Committee** has set November 1 for the 2015 Fall Festival. The Polka Mass was well attended and may be repeated for 2015.
- C. Mary Beth Mueller reported **Human Concerns** packed up 41 full boxes of groceries, and some leftovers, for the House of Peace Thanksgiving drive.
St. Isidore is joining a 'Holyland Food Pantry' that will be located at St. Paul's Church, Malone. Volunteers and food donations are needed.
- D. **Christian Formation** is planning a library at the Holy Cross and St. Cloud sites.
Diana Abler stated a group is being formed to go Christmas caroling
- E. Father Gary reported that **Pastoral Care** has a 'Bereavement Library' in place.
A dinner for the Villa residents is always welcomed.

Parish Finance Council Update and Committee Minutes

- A. The **Building and Grounds** Committee is contemplating installing a new sound system at St. Joe. Father will be requesting donations for a vestibule at the rear entrance at St. Cloud. This project entails removing some back pews and partitioning off the area below the choir loft.
- B. A platform will be cemented at the 'Crucifixion' site in Holy Cross **Cemetery**.

Consolidated Parochial Elementary School/Catholic School of the Holy Land

- A. A new 'Finance Committee' has been formed for CPES.
- B. The Christmas concert will be December 16 at St. Johns, Johnsbury.

Other Business

- A. The 'clustering' of St. Isidore the Farmer with area Parish/parishes is to be complete by July1, 2015.
- B. Tammy Koenigs is directing the Christmas Eve Nativity Play.
- C. Noah Koenigs is planning a Boy Scout 'Eagle Project' to include landscaping around the St. Cloud Church.
- D. A Reconciliation service is scheduled for December. Consult the bulletin for the date, time and location.

Pastor's Report

The interim Pastor, Fr. Larry Abler, will arrive January 20, 2015. Fr. Gary will leave for Detroit soon thereafter. The meeting ended at 8:15 with a prayer.

Connie Pickart, Council Secretary