

Saint Isidore Parish Pastoral Council
January 20, 2015
6:30 pm Holy Cross Meeting Room

The 'Prayer for Christian Unity 2015' and the 'St. isidore the Farmer Mission Statement' were read by members of the Pastoral Council. Gary Kraus was absent.

Approve November 25, 2014 Minutes

Mary Beth moved to approve the November 25, 2014 minutes. Jim Kraus seconded.

Parish Pastoral Council Committee Minutes

- A. At the January 8, 2015 meeting, the **Prayer/Worship** committee discussed the 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity'. Pastor Gary Miller from St. Paul's UCC was invited to speak at Masses at St. Isidore's.
Catholic Schools week is January 25–31, 2015. CPES students will lead participation at the 4:30 pm Mass.
Dates were set for First Reconciliation, January 31; Presentation of Confirmation candidates, February 1; St. Blaise Blessing, February 3; the Lenten Sacrament of Reconciliation, March 23 at 6:30. February 5th is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Cloud. The Sacrament of Confirmation is April 11, 10:00 at Holy Cross.
February 8th has been designated as "World Marriage Day". Newly engaged couples and married couples will receive a 'blessing'. In the future, something special may be planned for those celebrating 'milestone' anniversaries, 5th 10th, 25th, etc.
- B. The **Festival Committee** has set the date for the Spring Raffle, March 15, 2015.
- C. Mary Beth Mueller reported **Human Concerns** packed Christmas gifts that were delivered to 7 families.
- D. **Christian Formation** has implemented a library at the Holy Cross and St. Cloud sites.
The 'Soup/Substance' and 'Spirits/Spirituality' programs will again be presented during Lent.
- E. No report from **Pastoral Care**.

Parish Finance Council Update and Committee Minutes

- A. No **Building and Grounds**
- B. A second sign will be installed at the **Cemetery** in the Spring.

Consolidated Parochial Elementary School/The Holyland Catholic School

The CPES fund raisers "did well".

Administrator, Ric Erikson is working to procure grants for the School.

2016 begins the 175th year of Catholic Education in the 'Holy Land'.

CPES may undergo a name change as the school has gone through many changes and the logo is not pertinent for today's School.

Other Business

- A. St. isidore the Farmer, Holy Cross, has received a gift in memory of a parishioner for an outdoor Nativity.
- B. Synod VIII will meet Saturday, February 7, 2015, 9-11:30, at Holy Family in Fond du Lac.

Pastor's Report

Toiletries, socks and underwear are especially needed for the House of Peace and the Salvatorian Center.

Donations will be accepted during Lent.

Mary Gruel presented an update of the newly formed 'Holyland Food Pantry'. It is off to a very good start. 18 families were served in December, 2014. Food baskets are located at all St. isidore's sites as well as throughout the 'Holyland'. Monetary donations are always accepted and special collections may be taken at Masses throughout the year.

The meeting ended at 8:00 with a prayer.

Connie Pickart, Council Secretary

Saint Isidore Parish Pastoral Council
February 16, 2015
6:30 pm Holy Cross Meeting Room

Roll Call/ Prayer/ Mission Statement

With all members present, the 'Opening Prayer' and the '**St. isidore the Farmer Mission Statement**' were read.

Approve January 20, 2015 Minutes

Jim moved to approve the January 20, 2015 minutes. Mary Beth seconded.

Parish Pastoral Council Committee Minutes

- A. The **Prayer/Worship** committee met February 9, 2015. Members discussed the upcoming Valentine Mass. It is noted that this celebration was a wonderful experience for couples celebrating milestone anniversaries and is well-worth continuing 2016 and beyond. St. Blaise Mass was well attended. Lent activities were discussed and finalized.
- B. The **Festival** Committee finalized all activities for the March 15, 2015 Brat Fry.
- C. **Human Concerns** did not meet in January.
- D. Pastor Miller from St. Paul's United Church of Christ will present one of the 'Spirits & Spirituality' sessions.
- E. No report from **Pastoral Care** but it is noted that Sr. Jenada is doing a phenomenal job.

Parish Finance Council Update and Committee Minutes

- A. An important **finance Committee** meeting is coming up.
- B. A rail has been installed at the Holy Cross **Cemetery**.
- C. The **Building/Grounds** committee reviewed completed projects from 2013-2014. Painting, enhanced lighting, repaired pipe leaks and concrete, moving the piano to the floor level were items accomplished at the St. Joe. At St. Cloud, the school has been demolished and parking lot enlarged. The Church floor and kneelers have been refurbished. Painting and planting trees also completed. The cemetery at Holy Cross received two signs, cement repaired and stair railing installed. More lighting was installed in the Church's parking lot. More repairs, railings, and signage is scheduled for 2015-16. Priority projects for 2015-16 include removal of well cover at and tree trimming at St. Cloud.

Consolidated Parochial Elementary School/The Holyland Catholic School

2016 begins the 175th year of Catholic Education in the 'Holy Land'. Activities are being planned. Mr. Erikson has been applying for grants. A possible \$10-11,000.00 grant is pending. The Casino night fundraiser is scheduled for March 28, 2015 at Maximillion's.

Other Business

- A. Council members should review the 'handouts' regarding the **Post-Synod** meeting and **Cluster** issues to prepare for discussion at the March 24, 2015 meeting. "Prayer for the Mission of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee" was prayed by Council members.
- B. Fr. Bernie Sippel will celebrate his 50th Jubilee on Sunday, March 16, 2015 at St. Cloud.
- C. Fr. Gary encourages all to attend the 'Reconciliation Services' in Lent.

Pastor's Report

Fr. Gary will review procedures with servers, Liturgical/Eucharist ministers and ushers. The Easter Tridium schedule will be published in the bulletin.

The next meeting is March 24, 2015, 6:30, at St. Cloud.
The meeting ended at 8:00 with a prayer.

Connie Pickart, Council Secretary

Saint Isidore Parish Pastoral Council

May 19, 2015

6:30 pm holy Cross

Roll Call/ Prayer/ Mission Statement

All Council members were present. Also present were Boy Scout, Cole Rappel, his father Joe Rappel, Pope Francis' "Prayer for the Year of Mercy" was read.

Approve March 24, 2015 Minutes

Mary Beth moved to approve the minutes and Bob seconded.

Parish Pastoral Council Committee Minutes

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- B. The **Festival** Committee - great job.
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Other Business

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- B. The clustered Pastoral Council will consist of 12 members, 2 trustees, and 2 at large from each parish. Gary Kraus and Connie Pickart are candidates for trustee; Mary Beth and Dan Sippel for at large members.
- C. Terms for the Trustees will be determined at an organizational meeting of the Holyland Catholic Parishes.
- D. The first meeting of the Holyland Catholic Parishes will be July 2, 2015, 7:00, at St. John's.
- E. The by-laws will be revisited at a future meeting.
- F. The Archbishop will preside over the installation of Fr. Gary as pastor of St. John's and St. Mary's August 2, 2015, at 10:00 at Marytown. This will be the only Sunday Mass on August 2nd. Saturday evening Masses will remain the same.
- G. Existing Committees will remain, but members will be added from St. John's and St. Mary's. Some Committees will remain separate, such as cemetery, finance, and festival.
- H. Mass schedules at each site are not expected to change.
- I. Baptism Preparation and Marriage FOCCUS Preparation will remain.
- J. The question of developing a new Mission Statement for individual parishes or for the Holyland Catholic Parishes will be discussed after the new council is formed.
- K. Dates of Annual Parish Meetings will be announced at a later date.
- L. Bob Muellenbach has offered to fill the position of St. Isidore's liaison to the 'School Advisory Board'.
- M. Fr. Joe's 'farewell' will be held the last 2 Sundays in June at St. Mary's and St. John's.
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Saint Isidore Parish Pastoral Council
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Connie Pickart, Council Secretary

Holyland Catholic Parishes Pastoral Council Meeting
July 14, 2015

Roll Call/Prayer:

All council members were present except Al Casper and opening prayer was read.

Minutes: No minutes to approve.

Pastoral Council Committee Minutes:

- A. Prayer & Worship-No minutes to approve.
- B. Human Concerns-No minutes to approve.
- C. Christian Formation-No minutes to approve.
- D. Pastoral Care-No minutes to approve.

Father Gary discussed each committees role. We discussed needing to set up a liaison for each committee.

Holyland Catholic School Update: They met to discuss/revise bylaws. Ultimate Sports Raffle Ticket coming up on August 12, 2015 at LaClare Farms at 7 p.m. Dr. Erickson in process of looking for new teacher. Pastoral Council discussed having Kim Graf as liaison to Holyland Catholic School Advisory Board.

Pastor's Report: Father Gary discussed the Installation of Pastor on Saturday, August 1, 2015. Discussed the Archbishop will be coming to Holyland area four times in the next year: November 24 to celebrate 175 years of Catholic Education, in April for Confirmation and on June 18 to celebrate St. John's 175 years. Father Gary discussed/passed around Guide for Planning a Funeral and Guidelines for Marriage which he would like parishes to use. Father Gary would like married couples from St. Mary's and St. John's to volunteer to meet with young couples who are preparing for marriage. A training session is provided.

Other Business:

- A. Choosing leadership for Pastoral Council: Council chose the following: President: Mary Beth Mueller, Vice President: Francis Schmitz and Secretary: Kim Graf.
- B. Establish committee and set time line for establishing by-laws for Pastoral Council. Father Gary recommended we establish a small group to go over bylaws and then once revised to bring back to Pastoral Council to review and approve bylaws. Council decided the leadership members would make up the committee, along with Sue Mueller. Archdiocese does have a template to follow. Need to revise by fall.
- C. Installation of Pastor on Saturday, August 1, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary's. Will introduce Pastoral Council, Finance Councils, School Advisory Committee members, etc. Desserts will be served after Installation of Father Gary. There will not be a 4:15 p.m. at St. John's that day nor an 8:00 p.m. at St. Mary's. St. Isidore will have a 4:30 p.m. mass that day to celebrate a 50th Wedding Anniversary.
- D. Recruiting Members from each parish for all committees. Father Gary discussed wanting St. Mary's and St. John's members to join the Prayer & Worship, Humans Concerns, Christian Formation and Pastoral Care committees. If interested, please let Father Gary know..
- E. New Website: holylandcatholicparishes.org.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 1 at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Church.

Paul Ditter made a motion to adjourn and Jerome Bord seconded the motion. The meeting ended in prayer.

Holyland Catholic Parishes Pastoral Council Meeting
September 1, 2015

Roll Call/Prayer:

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

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

Pastoral Council Committee Minutes:

- A. **Christian Formation:** No meeting yet. Parishes will be having brat fries on September 19 to support confirmation students retreat at Camp Tekakwitha in Shawano. Confirmation date is April 16 at 10:00 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Church.
- B. **Pastoral Care:** Sr. Jenada met with the members from all three parishes. Trying to get list of all homebound in the area. Healing mass in November. Formation of Widow and widowers group.
- C. **Human Concerns:** Met recently and organized all the school supplies that were donated. In November will hold food drive and donate any items to House of Peace. There will be a dedication of the Holyland Food Pantry on Saturday, October 17, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. at St. Pauls United Church of Christ.
- D. **Prayer & Worship:** Will meet September 2. Father Gary will be having training sessions for servers on September 30. Will discuss the possibility of a children's choir. Will discuss how to handle masses for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter and Christmas Eve and Christmas. Will discuss the possibility of a blessing of vehicles and recreational vehicles on Memorial Day weekend.
- E. **Festivals-** Update on parish festivals. St. Mary's festival is on September 27, 2015. Everything is coming along well. New signs are up. St. Isidore Festival is on November 1, 2015. St. John's was held on July 19 and it was successful and everything went well.
- F. **Holyland Catholic School Advisory Council:** Met on August 27, 2015. Committee members brainstormed about new members to add to school advisory council. Enrollment is up 10% over and above projected numbers. Will be looking into getting new sign for school. Two new teachers on staff: Mrs. Haen will be teaching 5th and 6th grade, along with music. Mrs. Freund will be teaching 3rd and 4th grade. Father Gary would like to add Flag Pole at school.
- G. **Finance Councils - Projects Update.** Father Gary recently sent proxy letters to Archdiocese for St. Isidore to replace boiler, St. Mary's to repair steeple and windows and St. John's to replace statues in the cemetery.

Agenda Items

1. Bylaws for the Pastoral Council: Father Gary had template form from Archdiocese for us to review before next meeting.
2. Suggestions for FOCCUS Couples to work with the engaged couples.
3. Year of Mercy begins in November: At next meeting would like to discuss ways our parishes can observe this Year of Mercy. Review notes before next meeting.
4. Feast of St. Francis will be celebrated at all masses the weekend of October 3/4.
5. National Fire Prevention Week - Blessing of Firefighters at all Masses the weekend of October 10/11.
6. Heritage Mass at St. Lawrence Seminary on October 18 at 10:15 a.m.
7. St. Isidore Volunteer Recognition Dinner will be held at Cabaret on October 5th. All parish volunteers welcome. St. John's the Baptist does have an annual dinner in January. At this time St. Mary's does not have a volunteer dinner.

8. Pastors Report: Father Gary is very pleased with how things are going. If there is anything he needs to know—please let him know.

9. Other Business: Will talk to Prayer and Worship regarding honoring Veterans. Honoring Boy Scouts/Girls Scouts. Discussion on All Saints Day/All Soul Days. Indulgences discussion.

Next Meeting: November 17 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's

Linda Koenigs made a motion to adjourn and John Pickart seconded the motion.

Closing Prayer

Holyland Catholic Parishes Pastoral Council Meeting
November 17, 2015

Roll Call/Prayer:

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

Minutes: Francis Schmitz made a motion to approve minutes. Seconded by Al Casper.

Pastoral Council Committee Minutes:

- A. **Christian Formation:** Will be hosting Soup & Substance on February 16, March 1 and March 15. Spirits & Spirituality will be on February 21st and March 10th. Confirmation students attended a retreat to Camp Tekakwitha in Shawano with positive reviews of both camp and the children. Connie Pickart will be the liaison for this committee.
- B. **Pastoral Care:** Sr. Stephen being well received by St. Mary's and St. John's. Follow up with families on loved ones who have passed. Father Larry/Father Gary will be visiting homebound parishioners once a month. Trying to establish a list of all homebound in all parishes. Dinner for widowers in December at Blanck's.
- C. **Human Concerns:** Met November 9. Were able to put together 60 boxes of donations to House of Peace-Milwaukee. Some items went to Holyland Food Pantry. In December, St. Isidore and St. John's has gifting tree. St. Mary's is doing a collection of hats, mittens, etc.
- D. **Prayer & Worship:** Met on September 2 and November 16. Preparing for advent and Christmas. Will have families participate in lighting of advent wreath each mass. Put together goodie bags for St. Nicholas Mass. Discussed having one mass only when parish is having their Parish festival. To help support each parishes festival.
- E. **Festivals-** Update on parish festivals. St. Mary's festival is on September 27, 2015. Everything is coming along well. New signs are up. St. Isidore Festival is on November 1, 2015. St. John's was held on July 19 and it was successful and everything went well.
- F. **Holyland Catholic School Advisory Council:** Met on October 22. Election of officers. Assigned member of school board to each school committee. Budget in good shape. Discusses new ideas for Big Ticket Raffle. Voted on Security system for school.
- G. **Finance Councils - Projects Update.** St. John's statutes are being ordered for cemetery. Roof needs fixing. St. John's donating St. John's statute to grotto in St. Cloud. St. Mary's put timer on light. Will need to address windows and tower need repair in spring. St. Cloud will need to address wall/parking lot.

Agenda Items

1. Bylaws for the Pastoral Council: Will review at next meeting.
2. Mission Statement for Holyland Catholic Parishes: Will review at next meeting.
3. Year of Mercy begins in November: Archdiocese's website has ideas for monthly things to do.
4. 2016 Winter/Spring Calendar. Discussed gift for Archbishop when he comes to visit. Recognize and celebrate marriage.
5. Suggestions for FOCCUS Couples to work with the engaged couples. Suggested various couples to ask to help newly engaged couples. Training is coming up in January.
6. District 8 meeting: Next meeting in April 9. Discussed how to retain high school students. Discussed Mission trips-District wide. Discussed viewing DVD-Mass matters with counsel members, religious education students, go to website for new ideas.
7. Recruitment of Liturgical Ministers: Discussed having sign up/training for all three parishes.
8. Pastors Report: none at this time.
9. Other Business: none at this time.

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: January 5, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist.