

Holyland Catholic Parishes Pastoral Council Meeting  
January 5, 2016

**Roll Call/Prayer:**

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

**Minutes:** Al Casper made a motion to approve minutes. Seconded by Jerome Bord.

**Pastoral Council Committee Minutes:**

- A. **Christian Formation:** Religious ed students will be participating in Happy Birthday Jesus on Wednesday, January 6, 2015. Children are preparing for First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation.
- B. **Pastoral Care:** Sr. Stephen and Sr. Jenada will be having dinner for all involved in pastoral care. Sr. Stephen is currently visiting 20 home-bound people. There was some discussion about having someone else with Sr. Stephen/Dr. Jenada when they visit parishioners for the first time.
- C. **Human Concerns:** St. Isidore served 8 families and three individuals through its Giving Tree and also donated food to Holyland Food Pantry. The children in St. Isidore Religious Ed decorated a tree with mittens, sock and scarves and were distributed to needy families. St. John and St. Mary's provided items to Solutions Center; confirmation students visited homebound in our area, collected and donated food to Holyland Food Pantry, the children and families in St. John/Religious Ed Program purchased closed to \$900 worth of layette items for Christ Child Society to give out with the \$550 that was collected.
- D. **Prayer & Worship:** Meeting will be January 8, 2016.
- E. **Festivals-** No update at this time.
- F. **Holyland Catholic School Advisory Council:** Students donated socks, hat and mittens. Children visited homebound parishioners and brought them plates of bars/cookies. Collected over 50 pairs of new or gently used shoes. Discussion taking place with regard to some type of dress code for students. Currently having a fundraiser with Eaton's Pizzas. Catholic Schools Week Masses will be held on January 30 and 31st.
- G. **Finance Councils -** Donor came forward for St. Cloud Vestibule. Also donor came forward to purchase The Loop for Holy Cross Church—it helps people with hearing aides. Donations are coming in for St. Johns and St. Mary's. The St. Cloud wall is the parish's responsibility confirmed by village meeting minutes. Looking into a solution for a structural sound wall and at the most cost effective way. St. John's will be installing new light in basement. Holy Cross installed the new boiler.

**Agenda Items:**

1. St. John the Baptist 175<sup>th</sup>: Committee-Membership: Currently have 3 members. Will need someone to chair committee. Committee will discuss possible ideas for celebration including doing a Procession from original site to present site prior to Mass and a gift for Archbishop that reflects our parishes.
2. Pastor Gary Miller accepted invitation to preach at each church on weekend of January 23/24 for Week of Prayers for Christian Unity. Also offered to do some adult education after his retirement.
3. Discussed Holyland Catholic Parishes Mission 2017. We will look for someone to come in either spring or fall 2017. Paul Ditter made a motion to sponsor a mission for the Catholic Parishes. Sue Mueller seconded. Motion passed.
4. Lent - Discussed having Stations of the Cross on Fridays rotating between each parish. Father Gary will discuss with Dr. Erickson about having students at Holyland Catholic end Fridays with Stations of the Cross.

5. World Marriage Day - February 13, 2016 at St. Isidore and St. Johns. They will celebrate marriage anniversaries for the years: 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, etc.
6. Review of Advent/Christmas Liturgies & Outreach efforts: Discussed mass totals for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Good attendance at Christmas Eve masses. Christmas Day was hard to find people to help with mass. Discussed possibility of limiting the masses on Christmas day when it lands on a week day. Next year Christmas Eve and Christmas Day falls on a weekend and will follow typical weekend schedule.

The weekend of January 9-10 they will be celebrating with families who have had children baptized in the parish the past week. Each will receive a book Catholic Faith For Children.

7. Bylaws and Mission Statement were discussed by the Pastoral Council.
8. Pastors Report: Website needs updating. Blessed Art is going to be for sale weekend of January 23/24.
10. Other Business: Discussed possibility of having private confessions at St. Mary's.

Paul Ditter made a motion to adjourn, John Pickart seconded.

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: March 1, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.--St. Cloud Church Basement

Holyland Catholic Parishes Pastoral Council Meeting  
March 1, 2016

**Roll Call/Prayer:**

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

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

**Pastoral Council Committee Minutes:**

- A. **Christian Formation:** Met on February 16. Combine parishes First Reconciliation was completed. Confirmation interviews are done. St. Mary's and St. John's had their First Eucharist retreat. February Soup and Substance well attended. Divine Mercy Sunday: Encourage people to attend the devotional at St. Mary's in Fond du Lac.
- B. **Pastoral Care:** On February 21<sup>st</sup>, Sr. Stephen and Sr. Jenada talked about visiting the sick.
- C. **Human Concerns:** Lenten Outreach collecting crib blankets, quilts, hats, socks, onesies, sleep and play rompers, diapers, toys, bibs, burp clothes, baby wipes.
- D. **Prayer & Worship:** Met on January 7 and February 8. Discussed having four people per parish when Blessing of Throats and incorporating it into mass. Discussed serving communion to the choir. Anniversary Masses were well attended.
- E. **Festivals-** New committee members: Jacob and Kayla Brenner and Tammy Koenigs. Paul and Mary Casper will be leading St. John's Parish Festival. St. Isidore will have brat fry on March 13. A donation has been made so that Autumnfest will have a polka mass.
- F. **Holyland Catholic School Advisory Council:** Met on January 28-discussed personnel and budget items. Celebrated Catholic School Week: students made Valentine's for shut-ins, attended all school mass at Holy Family and participated in weekend masses at the parishes. Met on February 25-discussed personnel and budget items. Discussed looking at depositing trust fund into the Fond du Lac Area Catholic Education Foundation Fund. Vote to increase tuition \$100 per student for grade school and \$50 per student for preschool. Pizza Fundraiser was successful. Candy bar sales starting soon.
- G. **Finance Councils -** Budget reports were included in last week bulletin. St. Cloud vestibule will be going in soon. St. Cloud received donation to install the Loop. Donations are welcomed for St. Mary's: Windows/Tower project, St. Isidore: Parking lot and wall and St. John's roof repair and cemetery statutes.

Agenda Items:

1. **Holyland Catholic Parishes - Review of first 8 months:** Cluster seems to be going well. Enjoying Father Gary, Father Zoy, Father Abler, Father Oliver leading masses.
2. **St. John the Baptist 175h Anniversary Committee Report:** Committee in place. Mass will be June 18 at 4:15 p.m. Archbishop ListECKI will be leading mass. St. Paul's parish offered to help serve lunch after.
3. **Bylaws for the Pastoral Council-Final Version:** Will finalize changes and will send out to committee members.
4. **Holyland Catholic Parishes - Mass & Milwaukee Brewer Baseball Game - August 27.** Will be taking bus to Milwaukee Brewer v. Pittsburgh Pirates on August 27. Leave around 2 p.m., mass in parking lot at 4 p.m. and game at 6 p.m.
5. **Fr. Joe Coerber's 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee as a Priest on Sunday, May 29 at 10:00 AM at St. Mary.**
6. **Associate Pastor:** Father Zoy going to be teaching theology at St. Lawrence Seminary next year. Inviting Father Joseph, India, to possible join parish as associate pastor. Father Gary will be meeting with him in April.
7. **Parade Float:** Looking for people interested in helping with float this year! Would like to have St. John

the Baptist theme to celebrate 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary St. John the Baptist Church.

8. **Mission Statement:** would like a statement to reflect our parishes. Will explore more in fall.

9. **Pastor's Report:** Preparing for Holy week . Wayne Daun completed baptismal font for St. Mary's. Br. M.J. Gorak spoke to religious ed at Holy Cross. Soup and Substance canceled March 1<sup>st</sup> due to weather.

10. **Other Business:** Father Gary going to India in April. While there will be meeting with potential new associate pastor, Father Joseph. At May meeting need to discuss elections for pastoral council.

Jerome Bord made a motion to adjourn, Connie Pickart seconded.

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: May 3, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.--St. Mary's

Holyland Catholic Parishes Pastoral Council Meeting  
September 6, 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 and Father Gary Wegner.  
Absent: Al Casper, Jerome Bord. Opening prayer.

**Minutes:** Connie Pickart made a motion to approve minutes. Seconded by Gary Kraus.

**Pastoral Council Committee Minutes:**

- A. **Christian Formation:** They have filled all catechist positions. Religious Education opening mass will be September 11 and 14. They have a large number of students and have been cleaning to make room for everyone. Confirmation Dated: May 13, 2017 at Holy Cross.
- B. **Pastoral Care:** Sr. Jenada has been visiting people. Sr. Stephen got a new employee and will have more time to visit people.
- C. **Human Concerns:** Met on August 8 and collected Back To School Supplies. Next meeting will be right before Thanksgiving.
- D. **Prayer & Worship:** There will be a mass with Holyland Catholic students and religious education students. Mass schedule has been corrected. Pilgrimage is filling up. There will be an 8:00 am mass before Turkey Trot. They have been discussing differences during masses at parishes. Discussed what practices to integrate and discontinue.
- E. **Festivals-** St. Mary's is September 25, St. Isidore will be November 6, along with Polka Mass.
- F. **Holyland Catholic School Advisory Council:** Started school on Monday, August 29, 2016 with blessing of teachers, staff, students and parents. Number of students: 73. Four new teachers. Well attended 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Fish Fry on August 26, 2016. Upcoming events: Golf Outing: September 18, 2016 and Annual Women's Dinner on October 18, 2016.
- G. **Finance Councils -** St. Isidore received a \$10,000 donation for black topping. St. John's the church roof needs repair. St. Cloud Rectory the back porch will be fixed this fall. St. Isidore there will be two trees taken down in front of church.

Agenda Items:

- 1. **Holyland Catholic Parishes Spanish Mass Initiative.** Mass will be at St. John's on September 18. There will be a social after mass.
- 2. **Mission Statement**—We need to prepare a new Mission Statement for the parish.
- 3. **Picture Book**—Discussed putting together a new book with all of parishes in one book. Looking for helpers from each parish to set this up.
- 4. **Associate Pastor**—Father Joseph will be coming on September 27. We will have a mass to introduce/welcome him to the parish.
- 5. **Office Arrangement**—Need to rearrange offices at St. Isidore.
- 6. **2 members willing to be representatives to Archdiocesan Pastoral Council Fond du Lac/Sheboygan Deanery** —Linda Koenigs and Franz Schmitz volunteered. Eric Halbach will be a back up.
- 7. **Pastor's Report**—Need to prepare and promote the Lenten Mission.
- 8. **Election of Officers**—Will address at next meeting.
- 9. **Other Business**—None at this time.

John Pickart made a motion to adjourn, Linda Koenigs seconded.

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: November 8 at St. Mary's

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