

Holyland Catholic Parishes Pastoral Council Meeting  
November 14, 2017

**Roll Call/Prayer:**

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

Opening prayer.

**Minutes:** Jerome Bord made a motion to approve minutes. Seconded by Francis Schmitz.

**Pastoral Council Committee Minutes:**

- A. **Christian Formation:** Religious Education working on play--We Three Kings, Confirmation students attended retreat this past weekend. The parish, religious education and Holyland Catholic school are all participating in outreach programs to help those in need this Holiday season.
- B. **Pastoral Care:** Discussing and reviewing religious education program.
- C. **Human Concerns:** Met and filled 42 Thanksgiving food boxes for House of Peace. Giving Trees in each parish--lots of families this year.
- D. **Prayer & Worship:** Getting ready for Advent and Christmas. Healing Mass/All Souls Celebration was wonderful.
- E. **Festivals-** Autumnfest Polka Mass was well attended.
- F. **Holyland Catholic School Advisory Council:** Last meeting was canceled.
- G. **Finance Councils -** St. Cloud parking lot is finished. St. John's has raised the money to fix the roof and will be able to add more lighting for parking lot.

Agenda Items:

- 1. **Outreach to alienated Catholics in the Holyland.** Will be sending letter to person and follow up.
- 2. **Festivals & Masses.** Discussed having only one mass on Sunday when there is a festival taking place.
- 3. **Lent 2018 and 2019.** Looking into doing a weekly scripture (morning and evening) for Lent 2018. Discussed a speaker for 2019 Parish Mission.
- 4. **Election of Officers.** Chair MaryBeth Mueller, Vice-Chair Francis Schmitz and Secretary Allen Casper.
- 5. **Parishes' outreach to poor during Holiday season.** See Christian Formation above.
- 6. **Final review of Winter/Spring Calendar.** Discussed finding a different weekend other than the Marytown Picnic to do the Marytown Field Mass.

Meeting adjourned Soledad Theel, Seconded by Francis Schmitz.

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: St. Nicholas Party - Friday, December 8, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.  
January 16, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's.