

Minutes for the January 3, 2017 Holyland Parish Council held at St. John's at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Fr. Gary, Francis Schmitz, John Pickart, Dan Sippel, Gary Kraus, Mary Beth Mueller, Connie Pickart, Linda Koenigs, Sue Mueller, Allen Casper, Eric Halbach. Absent were: Jerome Bord, Kim Graf.

Today was the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus.

Opening prayer led by Fr. Gary.

Last meetings minutes approval by Connie Pickart and Francis Schmitz, all present agreed approval.

All Council committee reports meetings are yet to be attended, so no particular input tonight.

- 1) Photo Directory update: Guellers will be taking Nursing Home Residents pictures for the Directory at the nursing home. The Villa Loretto sisters picture will be included in the directory. Also included will be Parish staff, Pastoral and Finance, School Principle and Staff. Every parishoner did receive a letter regarding information about the new Holyland Picture Directory. There are extra copies in the gathering rooms in each church if someone was missed. As time goes by Fr. Gary, intends to put pictures of the various committees in the Bulletin.
- 2) We will work on adapting one mission statement for the Holyland Catholic Parishes. We will explore the values of a mission statement, concentrate on what is a Vision statement and what is a Mission statement. We will spend time on this mission statement at next meeting. Each parish has a patron saint: St. Isadore the Farmer, St. John the Baptist, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- 3) Mass counts: Counts were taken at all the churches for attendance at masses on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Years Eve and New Years Day. These counts were taken to assist Fr. Gary, the Liturgy committee and the Council find out which mass times are the right ones and what times draw the most people. Just over 2000 people attended throughout these 4 days. We went through the proposed 2017 Holiday Mass schedule. There was much thought put into this discussion, with no immediate decisions made at this time. Fr. Gary will discuss changing the St. Mary's Saturday 8:00p.m. mass to 7:00p.m. with the people in attendance at this mass. He has various scenarios to present.
- 4) Celebrate Marriage Day will be held Saturday Feb. 11 and Sunday Feb. 12 at the respective masses in each parish church. Fr. Gary is asking for any parents who would like their child baptized, that Sunday nights at St. Joe church during High School CCD, would be ideal to have our young adults witness this ceremony.
- 5) Parish Mission: Committee will meet to discuss on promoting the upcoming Parish Mission scheduled during Lent.
- 6) Motion to adjourn by Francis Schmitz and Allen Casper, agreed by all in attendance.
- 7) Closing Prayer by Fr. Gary. Thank You. Respectfully submitted: Linda S. Koenigs

Holyland Catholic Parishes Pastoral Council Meeting

March 7, 2017

**Roll Call/Prayer:**

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

Opening prayer led by Linda Koengis, Francis Schmitz and Gary Kraus.

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

**Pastoral Council Committee Minutes:**

- A. **Christian Formation:** Held a meeting on January 26, 2017. Had a guest speaker, Kathy Baus, who spoke of her experience with intergenerational faith formation. They are planning Easter Fair on March 26 at Marytown Athletic Club. Religious Ed is preparing for First Communion and Confirmation.
- B. **Pastoral Care:** They have been meeting and bringing things to the homebound in all parishes.
- C. **Human Concerns:** Will meet the Wednesday before Easter to box up items collected.
- D. **Prayer & Worship:** Met on January 5, February 6 and March 6—have been busy preparing for Holy Week.
- E. **Festivals-** Brat Fry coming up.
- F. **Holyland Catholic School Advisory Council:** School has been preparing for Accreditation. Mrs. Paczkowski is retiring this year. Graduation will be June 4 at St. John's.
- G. **Finance Councils** - Tons of projects.

Agenda Items:

1. **Holyland Catholic Parish Mission Statement.**

**Vision Statement:** As disciples of Jesus in the Holyland love unites us beyond all difficulties.  
God will do the rest.

**Mission Statement:** We are God's children in the Holyland striving to welcome one and all.

2. **Parish Mission During Lent.** Please attend the parish mission March 20-22, 2017 and bring a friend with them.

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: May 2, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's.

Holyland Catholic Parishes Pastoral Council Meeting  
May 2, 2017

**Roll Call/Prayer:**

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

Opening prayer.

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

**Pastoral Council Committee Minutes:**

- A. **Christian Formation:** See below.
- B. **Pastoral Care:** Anointing of the sick and lunch well attended.
- C. **Human Concerns:** Met Wednesday after Easter-pretty good collection. Discussed possible coordination of outreach between Christian Formation/Human Concerns/School.
- D. **Prayer & Worship:** Were very busy planning Holy Week. Easter Vigil and Holy Thursday well attended.
- E. **Festivals-** Johnsburg Parish Festival committee is looking for a volunteer to help with advertising.
- F. **Holyland Catholic School Advisory Council:** Meeting on 4-20-17. Finances look good.
- G. **Finance Councils - Projects:** parking lot, lighting, tuck pointing. Getting estimates. Cemetery guidelines need to include agreement for no fault with regard to not having a vault.

**Agenda Items:**

1. Review Holyland Catholic Parishes Vision & Mission Statements: Members approved the vision and mission statements.
2. Review of Parish Mission during Lent - Parish Mission was well attended. Discussed whether to proceed with a Mission again 2018 or 2019.
3. Religious Education Program - Discussed new proposed schedule for religious education students which would include attending mass 2 times a month and religious ed 2 times a month. Second graders would meet every week plus attend mass 2 times a month.
4. Begin in September a year-long outreach to hurting and alienated Catholics in the Holyland. Discussed writing an open letter in bulletin and writing to individuals to invite them back and discuss their situation.
5. Bringing up gifts at offertory: Discuss ways to improve the bringing up of gifts.
6. 8:00 PM Saturday Mass in Marytown (Survey Results)  
8:00 - 33                      7:00 - 27                      6:00 - 8  
  
Discusses Moving mass time to 7:00 p.m. from December 1 to April 30 and then May 1 to November 30 back to 8:00 p.m.
7. Mount Calvary Parade Float: Discussed theme for parade float: Lady of Fatima.
8. Trustee Elections and Council Membership: Connie Pickart, Jerome Bord, Pat Olig.

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: Cookout-June 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

**Holyland Catholic Parishes Pastoral Council Meeting  
September 19, 2017**

**Roll Call/Prayer:**

Mary Beth opened the meeting at 6:30 with a prayer led by Fr. Gary.

Members Present: Mary Beth Mueller, Gary Kraus, Connie Pickart, Dan Sippel, Francis Schmitz, Jerome Bord, Eric Halbach, Allen Casper, Sue Mueller, Pat Olig, Fr. Gary and Guest: Sr. Jenada

Absent: Kim Graff and Soledad Theel

**Minutes:** The May 2, 2017 minutes were approved.

**Pastoral Council Committee Minutes:**

- A. **Christian formation:** A survey was sent to parents of the Religious Ed program. Fr. Gary will tally the results and report at the next meeting.
- B. **Pastoral Care:** Sr. Jenada related the various projects the committee is involved in, including Welcoming Baskets, Prayer Shawls, Healing Mass, Socials for nursing home residents.
- C. **Human Concerns:** Sr. Jenada again reported that school supplies were collected and distributed to the House of Peace and the Holyland Food Pantry, A Thanksgiving and Christmas Collection will be future projects.
- D. **Prayer and Worship:** Planning is underway for numerous events, an Ecumenical Thanksgiving service, Mass schedules for All Saints/All Souls Day, Christmas Day/Eve, News Years day/eve, Mass scheduling for festivals.
- E. **Festivals:** St. Mary's Harvestfest is Sunday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. There is no 8:00 am Mass scheduled for St. Cloud (parking lot under renovation). Parishioners are encouraged to attend the 8:30 am Mass at Marytown.
- F. **Holyland Catholic School Advisory Council:** meeting on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup>.
- G. **Finance Councils-Project Updates:** The porch at the rectory is being repaired; the St. Cloud Parking lot project is nearing completion; St. Mary's parking lot is resealed and repainted; St. Mary's rectory is being made ready for Fr. Carl Diederichs.

**Agenda Items:**

1. The All Souls Remembrance will be at St. Mary's on Wed, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm (eve) and at Holy Cross on Thursday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm.
2. There was a good discussion regarding an 'outreach' program to 'reach out' to 'alienated' Catholics in the Holyland.
3. Festivals and Masses: In the future, Mass schedules may change to encourage parishioners to attend the various fundraisers at all the Holyland Catholic Parishes. We will consider having one Mass on the Sunday of each of the four festivals.
4. Fr. Carl Diederichs: Fr. Carl, a native Marytown, will reside at the rectory in Marytown, and may conduct 'Adult Bible Study' classes. He may also help out with Masses.
5. Lent 2018: Council members are encouraged to consider possibilities of services to be held during Lent.

Francis Schmitz moved for adjournment and Sue Mueller seconded. Fr. Gary led the Closing Prayer. The meeting adjourned at 7:55.

Next meeting November 14, 2017 at St. Mary's

Respectfully submitted: Connie Pickart

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.