

HOLYLAND CATHOLIC PARISH PASTORAL  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 19, 2019

Opening Prayer

Roll Call: Fr. Gary, Eric Halbach, Steve Stephany, Andy Chuvan, Terry Atkinson, Steve Schneider, Claudia Wagner, Beth Schneider, Linda Kraus and Katie Karls. Absent: Bill Bartel.

Approval of minutes: Motion to approve by Steve Schneider and seconded by Eric Halbach. Carried.

Committee and Council Reports

- A. Christian Formation: The 3-Kings party is scheduled for January 5, 2020 at Holy Cross. Confirmation retreat went well with mass at end of retreat. Colin Petrie and parents helped. Looking to start a monthly program wherein one parent would come with student to religious education making FAMILY the key.
- B. Pastoral Care: Discussion regarding burying the remains of miscarried babies.
- C. Human Concerns: Giving tree collection scheduled for December 15, 2019.
- D. Prayer and Worship: Planning Advent and Christmas Activities. Blue Christmas mass is scheduled and open to anyone. Reconciliation is scheduled and Friars are willing to help. The anointing mass was well received and worthwhile.
- E. Festivals: Holy Cross Festival was definitely down this year. Need younger families to be more involved.
- F. Holyland Catholic School Advisory Council: School is underway. John Wertschnig is doing a good job.

Dr. Erickson's funeral was very touching with the younger people contributing to the funeral.

The service calls at school are being caught up. Maple Valley got behind with the early cold weather.

Wooden Holyland School sign taken down due to blocking the stone sign.

The fascia around the windows will be updated.

Discussed the new mass schedule and overall it has not harmed the parishes. We have not lost any parishioners. We have 40 more people than last year with less masses.

There was an anonymous donation of \$10,000.00 to St. Cloud to repair the steeple.

Also discussed Easter services.

Agenda Items:

1. Welcomed new members.
2. Election of officers: Chair - Steve Schneider, Vice Chair - Terry Atkinson and Secretary - Beth Schneider.
3. Review of mass schedule.
4. Proposed 2020 Winter/Spring Calendar. Changes were made as to the Holyland Catholic School Country Breakfast being January 26, 2020 instead of February 2, 2020.
5. Holyland Catholic Parishes - Pros and Cons of Merger: Discussed the pros and cons. The merger won't happen overnight. There are guidelines to be followed by the Diocese. It would be best if we as a parish could move forward and make our own decisions. We would control our future. There would be a new name and councils would be joined. Funds earmarked specifically for a parish would stay earmarked for that parish and not used in other parishes. Motion by Beth Schneider and seconded by Steve Schneider to look into the possibility of merging and contacting finance committee to discuss. Carried.
6. Holyland Catholic Parishes Mission. The mission is scheduled for March 8-11, 2020. On a motion by Eric Halbach and seconded by Andy Chuvan, the mission will be held at Holy Cross church only. As to the socials after the mission, Holy Cross will host March 8; St. Mary's will host March 9; St. John's will host March 10 and there will be a mix on March 11, 2020. Katie Karls will contact a couple from each of the parishes to help promote the mission.
7. Pastor's Report: Everything is good.
8. Other Business. Claudia Wagner gave a report of the Crisis Committee and a contact person who gives presentations. Eric Halbach also indicated the Fond du Lac Sheriff's Department has an individual that will speak. Discussed holding a presentation at St. Lawrence Seminary.

Motion by Steve Stephany to adjourn and seconded by Steve Schneider. Carried.

Submitted by Beth Schneider, Secretary