


**Parish of the Precious Blood Pastoral Council Meeting  
Minutes of: March 23, 2017 - St. Mary's Church, Presque Isle**

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|  | <p><b><u>2016 - 2017<br/>Pastoral Council Officers</u></b></p> <p><b>President</b><br/>Father Jean-Paul Labrie</p> <p><b>Chair</b><br/>David Caron<br/>(St. Joseph – Mars Hill)</p> <p><b>Vice-Chair</b><br/>Dr. Jim Savage<br/>(Holy Rosary – Caribou)</p> <p><b>Secretary</b><br/>Barb Caron<br/>(St. Joseph – Mars Hill)</p> | <p><b><u>Mission Statement</u></b></p> <p><b>We, the members of the Parish of the Precious Blood, believe we have been called by God to use our time, talent and treasure to serve God and his children. We seek to be a community of faith, hope and love in union with the Holy Spirit.</b></p> <p><b>Empowered by the Eucharist, we are dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus taught by the Roman Catholic Church through prayer, worship, sacraments, education and service. We renew our dedication to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, attempting always, in all things, to love as Jesus loves.</b></p> | <p><b><u>Attendees - Members</u></b></p> <p><i>Bob LeBlanc,</i> Holy Rosary;<br/><i>Jon Langley,</i> Holy Rosary;<br/><i>Betty Thompson</i> Sacred Heart;<br/>St. Catherine;</p> <p><i>Cathy Bowker,</i> St. Denis;<br/><i>Dave Caron,</i> St. Joseph;<br/>St. Louis;<br/>St. Mark;</p> <p><i>Herman Lagasse</i> St. Mary;<br/>St. Theresa;</p> <p><i>Corrine Routhier</i> Our Lady of the Lake;</p> <p><b><u>Appointees:</u></b> <i>Jim Savage, Barb Caron</i></p> <p><b><u>Parish of the Precious Blood - Rep:</u></b><br/><i>Fr. Jean Paul Labrie, Janet Beckwith,</i></p> <p><b><u>Other Parishioners:</u></b><br/><i>Sandra Soucy, Carl Gallagher</i></p> |
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| Topic          | Decision/Action   | Responsible Party   | Follow-Up | Resolved Date |
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| Opening Prayer | Fr. Labrie led the members present in prayer.   | The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Dave Caron, at 6:05 PM.<br><br>Fr. Labrie |           |               |
| Minutes        | <b><u>Motion:</u></b> <i>Corrine Routhier made the motion to accept the Minutes of February 23, 2017 as written. <b>Seconded</b> by Bob LeBlanc. <b>Motion carried.</b></i> | Dave Caron  |           |               |

**Old Business**

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| <p><b>Priority Plan</b></p> | <p><u>The Parish Priority Plan has 3 Priorities.</u><br/>         1) Forming Intentional Disciples<br/>         2) Welcoming &amp; Affirming Communities<br/>         3) Inviting People to Faith Evangelization</p> <p><u>Each of the 3 Priorities have Smart Goals.</u><br/>         1) Establish 10-12 Small faith Sharing Groups by Sept 1, 2017<br/>         Provide 2-3 Gift Discernment sessions at 4-5 worship sites<br/>         From Ash Wednesday - Pentecost<br/>         2) Create a Welcoming Ministry Team at all 10 worship sites<br/>         By Sept 1/2017<br/>         3) Witness Talk through 2018</p> <p>Chairperson, Dave Caron, shared that the Executive Committee consisting of Dave, Jim Savage, Leah Girardin, Chris Grover and Barb Caron were suppose to meet and go over the Church's Mission Statement and discuss what we intend to do with the Pastoral Council Responses to the Parish Priority Plan. He also stated that it was impossible to meet and felt it was important that each member of the Pastoral Council be aware of our plan as a council and be aware of each Priority Plan for each church site that we represent.</p> <p>Our Mission Statement is 9 years old. Important for our parishioners to know the value of our Mission Statement and to know the purpose of our Priority Plan. The Mission Statement is more broad in definition while the Priority Plan is more specific with a clear vision for our Parish.</p> <p><b>Chairman, Dave Caron, asked each member present to pray for discernment concerning the direction we should be taking in setting forth our Priority Plan for our Pastoral Council.</b></p> | <p><b>The following comments were made by Fr. Labrie and our Pastoral Council:</b></p> <p>Our Parish lacks a Priority Point Person or a Commission to create a connection with all of our 10 worship sites. A Point Person at each local level would also be beneficial. This Point Person would be an advocate and help things to happen; encouraging parishioners to integrate their Catholic Faith. Training is available; keeping our focus on our 3 Smart Goals.</p> <p>Corrine Routhier shared that the Pastoral Council is aware of what is going on and that each member should be the Point Person at their church site. Other members felt that it is hard to have people think beyond Sunday Mass.</p> <p>Fr. Labrie stated that he has held meetings with some of our church sites to help identify the priorities of those churches. Now the local Church Councils have to come together to make their priorities happen. Forming discipleship within our churches is important. Identify those who are looking for something beyond Sunday Mass and identify what they are looking for.</p> <p>The Church &amp; Family Life Commission is organizing a Welcoming Committee; which will be beneficial to all worship sites. External Hospitality facilitator, Nancy Saucier and other members are working on ways of reaching out to moms of newborn babies.</p> <p>It was noted that St. Mary's in Presque Isle meet &amp; greet at their narthex; offering refreshments. Other churches have greeters welcoming parishioners and visitors upon entering their churches. All church sites should have a Welcoming Ministry by Sept. 1, 2017.</p> | <p><b>Pastoral Council</b></p> |  | <p>Ongoing</p> |
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|                                   |   | <p>Be as broad as possible. Reach out to families with new babies and to new parishioners. Create a Pictorial Directory for our Parish. Consistency is important. Carl Gallagher shared that he noticed that smaller parishes tend to reach out more effectively; while the larger church sites have a harder time to know their parishioners.</p> <p>This Lent, we have Small Faith Sharing Groups at 7 of our worship sites with 94 registered parishioners. Stations of the Cross is also happening at 6 of our worship sites..</p> <p>Other groups include Acts Men &amp; Acts Women, Burning Bush Prayer Group, That Man Is You Bible Study, Woman's Bible Study Groups, Beth Moore Study Group, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Blanket Ministry, Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Devotions &amp; Rosary, Rosary Makers and the Taize Ministry.</p> |  |               |         |
| <b>New Business</b>               |   |   |  |               |         |
| <b>Parish Picnic</b>              | <p><b>Please see attachment on the Parish Picnic:</b><br/>Sue Dugal's report mentioned that the Parish Picnic planning is under way. St. Louis in Limestone is hoping to hold the Parish Picnic at Trafton Lake. More to follow as decisions develop.</p> | <p><b>Fr. Labrie shared that mass at St. Louis could be on Saturday either at 4 or 6 p.m.; allowing Sunday a.m. for set up. Then the picnic could start at 1:00 p.m. A retired priest would be asked to say mass on Saturday evening.</b></p>   | <b>Sue Dugal</b>                               | Informational | Ongoing |
| <b>Commission Reports</b>         |   |   |  |               |         |
| <b>Worship &amp; Spirituality</b> | Chairperson, Lynn Pelli   | No Report.  | <b>W&amp;S Chair, Lynn Pelli</b>               |               |         |
| <b>Faith Formation</b>            | Catechetical Leader, Stella Carlstrom   | No Report.  | <b>Stella Carlstrom, Catechetical Leader</b>   |               |         |
| <b>Youth Ministry</b>             | <p><b>Director of Youth Ministry, Corey Morin</b>, mentioned the following in his report:</p> <p><b><u>*Please see Attachment on Youth Ministry</u></b></p>   | <p>The JH/HS youth have hosted a Lenten Soup Supper at St. Mary's and took part in the presentation of the Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's.</p> <p>March 5, 2017 - Middle School Rally at the KC Hall in Presque Isle was well attended.</p>  | <b>Corey Morin, Director of Youth Ministry</b> | Informational |         |

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| <b>Church &amp; Family Life Comm.</b> | <u>Sue Dugal, Chair</u><br>Communication Facilitator: Jim Savage<br><u>Strengthening the Family</u> Facilitator: Rena Lagasse<br><u>Sharing the Faith</u> Facilitator: Cathy Bowker<br><u>Internal Hospitality</u> Facilitator: Michelle Hersey<br><u>External Hospitality</u> Facilitator: Nancy Saucier | No Report.  | <b>Sue Dugal,<br/>Chair Church<br/>&amp; Family Life<br/>Comm.</b> |               |  |
| <b>H.O.P.E.</b>                       | <b>Helping Our People Eagerly</b> Chairperson, Ruth Gahagan, shared the following:<br><br><b><u>*Please see Attachment on H.O.P.E.</u></b>  | Bob LeBlanc stated that he attended the H.O.P.E. meeting and that they took up 3 important items.<br>1) City Wide Yard Sale - Saturday, May 20, 2017<br>2) April Raffle (3 big items) starting in April and ending at the Parish Picnic - details to follow.<br>3) 'Prize for Everyday Calendar' - Raffle type fundraiser offering a drawing of a donated item for each day in October.   | <b>Ruth Gahagan &amp; Dot Cyr</b>                                  | Informational |  |
| <b>Pastoral Report</b>                |   |   |  |               |  |
| <b>Easter Vigil</b>                   | <b>Father Labrie shared the following:</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Our Easter Vigil this year will be celebrated at Holy Rosary in Caribou.</b></li> <li>• <b>We have 4 Adult Baptisms scheduled for Holy Saturday and 6 who will be professing their faith through Confirmation with Bishop Deely on May 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.</b></li> <li>• <b>Fr. Alex has put his talent and gift to use; a surprise for all who attend the Easter Vigil.</b></li> </ul> | <b>Fr. Labrie</b>  | Informational |  |
| <b>Other Business</b>                 |   |   |  |               |  |
| <b>Supper Fundraiser</b>              | Betty Thompson from Sacred Heart Church in North Caribou mentioned:   | Sacred Heart Church is holding a supper this Sunday from 3:30 - 6:30. Chicken Pot Pie and Spaghetti are on the menu and is being organized by Galen Bouchard.   | <b>Betty Thompson</b>  | Informational |  |
| <b>Ministry Reports</b>               | <b><u>Please see Attachment on Feb/2017 Ministry Report.</u></b>  | Pastoral Life Coordinator, Janet Beckwith passed out Monthly Ministry Reports with collected data to church sites who have been rendering their reports.  | <b>Janet Beckwith</b>  | Informational |  |
| <b>Next Meeting</b>                   |   |   |  |               |  |
| <b>Calendar</b>                       |   | <b>Date: Thursday, April 27, 2017 @ St. Mary's in Presque Isle at 6:00 p.m.</b>   | <b>Dave Caron</b>  |               |  |
| <b>Adjournment</b>                    | 7:15 p.m. - A time in prayer concluded our meeting.   |   |  |               |  |