


Parish of the Precious Blood Pastoral Council Meeting

Minutes of: May 21, 2015 – Holy Rosary, Caribou

	<p><u>2015</u> <u>Pastoral Council Officers</u></p> <p>President Father Jean-Paul Labrie</p> <p>Chair David Caron (St. Joseph – Mars Hill)</p> <p>Vice-Chair Bob LeBlanc (Holy Rosary – Caribou)</p> <p>Secretary Barb Caron (St. Joseph – Mars Hill)</p>	<p><u>Mission Statement</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><u>Attendees:</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Bob LeBlanc</td> <td>Holy Rosary;</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jim Savage</td> <td>Holy Rosary;</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Sacred Heart;</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>St. Catherine;</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Irene Ellis,</i></td> <td>St. Denis;</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Dave Caron,</i></td> <td>St. Joseph;</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Sue Dugal,</i></td> <td>St. Louis;</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>St. Louis;</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Chris Grover,</i></td> <td>St. Mark;</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Norm Johnson,</i></td> <td>St. Mary;</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Debbie Cyr,</i></td> <td>St. Theresa;</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Wayne Gagnon,</i></td> <td>Our Lady of the Lake</td> </tr> </table> <p>Parish of the Precious Blood - Rep: <i>Fr. Jean-Paul Labrie</i> <i>Janet Beckwith</i></p> <p><u>Other Parishioners:</u> Barb Caron, Janette McBurnie, Andy Robinson, Carl Gallagher</p>	Bob LeBlanc	Holy Rosary;	Jim Savage	Holy Rosary;		Sacred Heart;		St. Catherine;	<i>Irene Ellis,</i>	St. Denis;	<i>Dave Caron,</i>	St. Joseph;	<i>Sue Dugal,</i>	St. Louis;		St. Louis;	<i>Chris Grover,</i>	St. Mark;	<i>Norm Johnson,</i>	St. Mary;	<i>Debbie Cyr,</i>	St. Theresa;	<i>Wayne Gagnon,</i>	Our Lady of the Lake
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Topic		Decision/Action	Responsible Party	Follow-Up	Resolved Date																						
Opening Prayer	The meeting was called to order by Dave Caron at 6:06 PM. Fr. Labrie opened the meeting with a prayer from the Sunday Visitor.		Fr.Labrie																								
Minutes		<u>Motion:</u> Chris Grover made the motion to accept the Minutes of March 19, 2015 as presented. <u>Seconded by Bob LeBlanc. Motion carried.</u>	Dave Caron																								

<p>Attendance Chart</p> <p>Skype</p> <p>Pastoral Council Membership Poster</p>	<p>to be set up at some of the church sites and that each site should have a 'Parish of the Precious Blood' Bulletin Board. Each site: Have survey cards available for new parishioners to register. Follow-up survey in the future to be implemented by Norm Johnson.</p> <p>Communication Survey: 650 responses out of 2500 parishioners - good return. Phone contact was the most desired way of communication.</p> <p>Representation from all 10 church sites is very important. Chris Grover shared that personally asking parishioners to come aboard would be a good way to have them be part of the Pastoral Committee.</p> <p>Skype was mentioned as a tool for reaching out to young couples; to skype the meetings would allow them to be part of these meetings; also, a great tool and legitimate way of doing meetings when travel is a concern. Rotating meetings between the different church sites was suggested by Norm Johnson.</p> <p>Janet Beckwith suggested updating the poster containing the information of those serving on the Pastoral Committee.</p>	<p><u>Motion:</u> Norm Johnson moved that the Pastoral Council allow the Communication Committee to implement and to follow through on accepting the Communication Protocol: <u>seconded</u> by Sue Dugal. <u>Motion carried.</u></p> <p><u>Attendance Chart:</u> Fr. Labrie stated that rotation of membership is set in place. These rotations create alternating years to allow new parishioners aboard and also keep experienced membership onboard. If a member of the Pastoral Council is interested in doing a second term (3 year term) they may do so. The Council agreed to wait till the Pastoral Committee Meeting in September to go over the need of renewing memberships or seeking new memberships.</p> <p>The Council agreed that we wait till the September/2015 meeting to update the <u>Pastoral Council Membership Poster.</u></p>	<p>Fr. Labrie</p> <p>Janet Beckwith</p>		
Commission Reports					
Social Justice & Peace: HOPE	No Report - No Representative		Sr. Mary Kelley Tim Sturlz		
Worship & Spirituality	<p>Lynn Pelli, Chair - not present</p> <p>Norm Johnson – Co-Chair for Worship & Spirituality shared the following: Great Attendance, concern that some sites did not have</p>	<p>See Attached Report - 2015 May</p> <p>Next <u>Worship & Spirituality Meeting</u> is set for June 10, 2015 at St. Catherine's in Washburn.</p>	<p>Fr. Kyle</p> <p>Lynn Pelli, Norm Johnson</p>	Informational	Ongoing

<p>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</p>	<p>the Stations of the Cross; they were unaware that these could be conducted without a priest present. Fr. Labrie shared this responsibility falls at the local level.</p> <p>Norm Johnson stated that it is a shared responsibility to be present at the Worship & Spirituality Comm. meetings. By having representation of each worship site we will be able to eliminate errors that occur. Wayne Gagnon stated that they were feeling a little down for not have services during Holy Week and Easter at Our Lady of the Lake in Portage. Norm stated that we erred on that part and that St. Mark's should have rotated a mass with Our Lady of the Lake.</p> <p>Janet Beckwith shared that we need to be careful on our language when referring to Liturgy of the Word Services and Communion Services. Education and direction needs to come from our clergy.</p>	<p>Liturgy of the Word with Communion: will occur only when there is a cancellation of a mass. The pastor decides what is appropriate.</p>	<p>Fr. Labrie</p>		
<p>Faith Formation Commission</p>	<p>Corey Morin, Youth Minister – Not Present</p> <p>Due to illness, Stella Carlstrom, Parish Catechetical Leader has been excused from rendering a report and attending the May 21, 2015 meeting.</p>	<p>See Attached Report - 2015 May Youth Ministry 2 members of the Life & Teen Core along with Fr. Labrie will be attending a Life Teen Training Conference in Arizona this June. Fundraising continues to cover the cost.</p> <p>Faith Formation: Stella Carlstrom's e-mail did state that there was nothing new to report; although, she indicated that attendance was dropping.</p>	<p>Corey Morin Stella Carlstrom</p>	<p>Informational</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Church and Family Life</p>	<p>Sue Dugal, Chair reported on her committee and the following subcommittees:</p> <p><u>Communication</u> Facilitator: Norm Johnson, Jim Savage <u>Strengthening the Family</u> Facilitator: Rena Lagasse <u>Sharing the Faith</u> Facilitator: Cathy Bowker (New) <u>Internal Hospitality</u> Facilitator: (Need New Spokesperson) <u>External Hospitality</u> Facilitator: Nancy Saucier</p> <p>Sue shared that while some of the subcommittees are going strong and thriving others are struggling. Sue stated that we need new people to bring in new ideas.</p> <p>Dave Caron shared that it is important to keep in mind that these subcommittees haven't even existed for one year, yet, great strides have been achieved. Visioning</p>	<p>See Attached Report - 2015 May Church & Family Life</p> <p>Strengthening the Family - Committee suggested that our clergy announce important events occurring in our parishioner's lives; such as anniversaries, achievements of our parishioners, new families, families leaving our area, etc. Fr. Labrie shared that in order to do so, we have to develop a system to get this info to the clergy.</p> <p>Sharing the Faith - Representation from all church sites important for the vitality of our Parish. Committee will make contact with 'Visioning' participants who showed interest in this subcommittee. At their meeting, Fr. Kyle suggested that they focus on internal faith, evangelization, and ecumenism.</p>	<p>Sue Dugal</p>		<p>Ongoing</p>

<p>All Committee Reports</p>	<p>has given us an important sense of direction.</p>	<p>Internal Hospitality - A new spokesperson is needed. Carl Gallagher will try to keep the group moving forward.</p> <p>External Hospitality - Would like to conduct a survey to identify Catholics who are unable to attend Mass to receive Holy Communion and who wish to be visited to receive Holy Communion.</p> <p>Motion to accept and implement all Committee Reports as presented was made by Norm Johnson; seconded by Sue Dugal. Motion carried.</p>			
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<p>Pastoral Report</p>	<p>Fr. Labrie shared the following:</p> <p>Reports: All reports received before each meeting are a tremendous help.</p> <p>Visioning: Sometime after Labor Day would be a great time to bring the Visioning participants together for half a day on Saturday to update them on what is happening. Fr. Labrie stated that he is impressed with what is happening!</p>	<p>The Story of Jesus: Bishop Deely would like our diocese to focus our evangelization on telling anew the 'Story of Jesus'. This is a 5 year plan and we will be working with Cluster #4 which includes Houlton and Island Falls. We will develop an action plan for evangelization through the formation of Small Faith Sharing Groups. Important for us to create excitement and enthusiasm!</p> <p>Catholic Leadership Institute: Their goal is to develop a 'Common Vocabulary' so we may better understand each other and be a greater support to one another; this tool will enable us to listen, affirm, and discern the needs of one another. This workshop will include laity, staff and vicariate and will be conducted on Tuesday, August 4 and Wednesday, August 5.</p> <p>Parish Profile Survey: this survey will be conducted around the Lenten season for our parishioners. Important to focus on the needs of each worship site; different sites create different needs.</p> <p>Confirmation Service & Reception: May 29, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's in Presque Isle. This sacrament is open to people who made their First Communion but have not been confirmed. Bishop Deely will be conducting this Confirmation Service, all are encouraged to attend.</p>	<p>Fr. Labrie</p>	<p>Informational</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

Other Business					
Memorial Mass	Debbie Cyr has organized a Memorial Mass at St. Theresa's in Stockholm to raise monies for their Cemetery Fund. Encouraging all sites to participate.	Memorial Mass envelopes will be placed in the pews at each worship site. A Memorial Mass will occur on July 5, 2015 at St. Theresa's in Stockholm, a barbecue to follow.	Debbie Cyr	Informational	Ongoing
Weekly Bulletins Our Lady of the Lake	Wayne Gagnon of Our Lady of the Lake shared that parishioners were wondering why the bulletins were not available at their church for the past couple of weeks.	Church Bulletins: Fr. Labrie stated that bulletins are distributed from Presque Isle and Caribou; while commentary notes come from the priest. He also stated that lay people from Our Lady of the Lake are responsible to pick up the bulletins from St. Mark's and that they have done so in the past. Father mentioned that if the priest knows ahead of time, they will bring the bulletins with them.			
Next Meeting					
Calendar	Next Meeting:	Date: September 17, 2015 - 6:00 PM - St. Mary's	Dave Caron		
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m. with a closing prayer.				