


Parish of the Precious Blood Pastoral Council Meeting
Minutes of: April 27, 2017 - St. Mary's Church, Presque Isle

	<p><u>2016 - 2017</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 Dr. Jim Savage (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 - Members</u></p> <p><i>Bob LeBlanc,</i> Holy Rosary; Holy Rosary;</p> <p><i>Betty Thompson</i> Sacred Heart; St. Catherine; St. Denis;</p> <p><i>Dave Caron,</i> St. Joseph;</p> <p><i>Sue Dugal</i> St. Louis;</p> <p><i>Chris Grover</i> St. Mark;</p> <p><i>Herman Lagasse</i> St. Mary;</p> <p><i>Leah Girardin</i> St. Mary; St. Theresa; Our Lady of the Lake;</p> <p><u>Appointees:</u> <i>Barb Caron</i></p> <p><u>Parish of the Precious Blood - Rep:</u> <i>Janet Beckwith, Stella Carlstrom</i></p> <p><u>Other Parishioners:</u> <i>Nancy Saucier</i></p>
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Topic		Decision/Action	Responsible Party	Follow-Up	Resolved Date
Opening Prayer	Members present opened the meeting in prayer.	The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Dave Caron, at 6:00 PM.	Dave Caron		
Minutes		<u>Motion:</u> <i>Bob LeBlanc made the motion to accept the Minutes of March 23, 2017 as read. Seconded by Herm Lagasse. Motion carried.</i>	Dave Caron		

Old Business

<p>Parish Picnic</p>	<p>Please see attachment on the Parish Picnic: Sue Dugal, chairperson for the Annual Parish Picnic shared the following:</p> <p>St. Louis would like to have mass on Saturday evening, June 10 at 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Next sites on the list for Annual Parish Picnic: St. Joseph's, St. Catherine's, St. Theresa's</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An opportunity to bid Fr. Labrie Farewell • Picnic on June 11, 2017; from 1 to 4 p.m. • Trafton Lake, Limestone • Budget for Picnic - \$1000.00 • Donations from Advertisers in Bulletin • Bring own folding chairs for sitting • Checking on availability of tents & grills • Request from town to use barriers for parking • Churches will be contacted to bring desserts 	<p>Sue Dugal</p>	<p>Informational</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Priority Plan</p>	<p><u>Priority Plan for our Pastoral Council</u></p> <p><u>The Parish Priority Plan has 3 Priorities.</u> 1) Forming Intentional Disciples 2) Welcoming & Affirming Communities 3) Inviting People to Faith Evangelization</p> <p><u>Each of the 3 Priorities have Smart Goals.</u> 1) Establish 10-12 Small faith Sharing Groups by Sept 1, 2017 Provide 2-3 Gift Discernment sessions at 4-5 worship sites From Ash Wednesday - Pentecost 2) Create a Welcoming Ministry Team at all 10 worship sites By Sept 1/2017 3) Witness Talk through 2018</p> <p>Church & Family Life Comm. - Chairperson, Sue Dugal shared that they don't mind helping and guiding; but, the churches need to create their own welcoming commission. Each site is different and may require different needs and a different way of approach.</p>	<p>The following was shared by members present: <u>Small Faith Sharing Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Point Person - Continue to pray & discern • Small Faith Sharing Groups - 7 churches with 100 sign-ups using the Quest Program. • Good reviews are coming in with the faith sharing occurring with the Quest Books. Participants are sharing that it brings the readings and homily alive during our weekend masses. • Purpose: To be active & fruitful disciples. • Small Faith Sharing Groups is the fertilizer of our parish; it cements our faith. • Makes us more knowledgeable and easier to share our faith. <p><u>Welcoming & Affirming Community</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our worship sites should each have greeters and create a welcoming atmosphere. • Create fellowship • Reach out to new families - welcoming baskets. (Include: Registration Cards, Contact Info, Mass Schedule, etc.) • Welcoming Baskets for Marriages & Baptisms. 	<p>Pastoral Council</p>	<p>Informational</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

New Business					
Farewell Party	Fr. Labrie's Farewell Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ May 23, 2017 - Save the Date ○ Celebration of Fr. Labrie's 35th year of Ordination to the Priesthood will also take place. ○ Dinner at Caribou Inn & Convention Ctr. if available ○ May 12, 2017 - Numbers attending from each site should be forwarded to Dave or Janet. 	Pastoral Council	Informational	Ongoing
Training Ushers	Pastoral Life Coordinator, Janet Beckwith informed us of the following:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Financial Bags - training for a new method of securing the weekly collection for all sites will occur for our money collectors . ● Ushers will be trained to know procedures in case of emergencies and to track entrances; this training will most likely be done by a 30 year veteran of the Secret Service. 		Informational	Ongoing
Book Program	Resisting Happiness - Cathy Bowker	The Book Program Presentation has been tabled till the next meeting: Due to family illness, Cathy Bowker was unable to attend the meeting and present her report.	Cathy Bowker		
Commission Reports					
Worship & Spirituality	Chairperson, Lynn Pelli	No Report.	W&S Chair, Lynn Pelli		
Faith Formation	Catechetical Leader, Stella Carlstrom <u>*Please see Attachment on Faith Formation</u>	Confirmation - May 5, 2017 at St. Mary's, Presque Isle More info will follow on a year's end event for all sites (students & families in the program) at Mantle Lake Park.	Stella Carlstrom, Catechetical Leader	Informational	
Youth Ministry	Director of Youth Ministry, Corey Morin, mentioned the following in his report: <u>*Please see Attachment on Youth Ministry</u>	High School YM Convention in Rockport - April 21-23; 8 teens & 3 adults chaperones will attend. 2 young ladies from our Parish will be partaking in LEAD (Leadership, Evangelization & Discipleship) - July 17-21 Youth Conference - July 21-23	Corey Morin, Director of Youth Ministry	Informational	

<p>Church & Family Life Comm.</p>	<p><u>Sue Dugal, Chairperson</u> <u>Communication</u> Facilitator: Jim Savage <u>Strengthening the Family</u> Facilitator: Rena Lagasse <u>Sharing the Faith</u> Facilitator: Cathy Bowker <u>Internal Hospitality</u> Facilitator: Michelle Hersey <u>External Hospitality</u> Facilitator: Nancy Saucier <u>*Please see Attachment on Church & Family Life Comm.</u></p>	<p>Christmas Craft Fair Chairperson is needed. Due to family commitments/obligations Cathy Bowker resigned.</p> <p>Next meeting of Church & Family Life Comm. - May 17, 6:30 p.m. at Holy Rosary in Caribou.</p>	<p>Sue Dugal, Chair Church & Family Life Comm.</p>	<p>Informational</p>	
<p>H.O.P.E.</p>	<p>Helping Our People Eagerly Chairperson, Ruth Gahagan, shared the following:</p> <p><u>*Please see Attachment on H.O.P.E.</u></p> <p>Ruth Gahagan, Chairperson of H.O.P.E. has rendered her resignation.</p>	<p>Bob LeBlanc shared that the Raffle Fundraiser is underway. Members were encouraged to help raise funds by selling tickets.</p> <p>Donations were made available for the H.O.P.E. raffle and the drawing will occur on Labor Day weekend.</p> <p>City Wide Yard Sale - because the Parish Center is being used for another event; the yard sale fundraising activity for 2017 has been canceled.</p>	<p>Ruth Gahagan & Dot Cyr</p>	<p>Informational</p>	
<p>Pastoral Report</p>					
	<p>Father Labrie had a prior commitment and was unable to attend this meeting.</p>	<p>No Report.</p>			
<p>Other Business</p>					
<p>Ministry Reports</p>	<p><u>Please see attachments on the March Ministry Report:</u> Janet Beckwith stated the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In February the report from 8 churches showed that 2850 people were affected through our ministries. • In March our reports from the same churches showed that 3563 people were affected through our ministries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These reports have been a learning activity and church sites are becoming more aware of how their ministries are affecting our parishioners and people that we serve. • Small ministries count; these reports help our local worship sites to be accountable and it is becoming more apparent on how valuable this process is. 	<p>Janet Beckwith</p>	<p>Informational</p>	
<p>Next Meeting</p>					
<p>Calendar</p>		<p>Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 @ Holy Rosary in Caribou at 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Dave Caron</p>		
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>7:50 p.m. - A time in prayer concluded our meeting.</p>				