

Parish of the Precious Blood Pastoral Council Meeting
Minutes of: February 23, 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; Sacred Heart; St. Catherine;</p> <p><i>Cathy Bowker,</i> 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; St. Mary;</p> <p><i>Debbie Cyr,</i> St. Theresa;</p> <p><i>Corrine Routhier</i> Our Lady of the Lake;</p> <p><u>Appointees:</u> <i>Jim Savage, Barb Caron</i></p> <p><u>Parish of the Precious Blood - Rep:</u> <i>Fr. Jean Paul Labrie, Janet Beckwith, Mike Lagasse, Stella Carlstrom, Lynn Pelli, Ruth Gahagan</i></p> <p><u>Other Parishioners:</u> <i>Sandra Soucy</i></p>
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Topic		Decision/Action	Responsible Party	Follow-Up	Resolved Date
Opening Prayer	Fr. Labrie led the members present in prayer.	The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Dave Caron, at 6:00 PM.	Dave Caron Fr. Labrie		
Minutes		<u>Motion:</u> <i>Chris Grover made the motion to accept the Minutes of January 26, 2017 as written. Seconded by Debbie Cyr. Motion carried.</i>	Dave Caron		

Old Business					
Outfits - Altar Servers	It was mentioned that Lynn Pelli has requested inventory from all church sites and will go from there if outfits are needed.			Lynn Pelli	
New Business					
New Member		Chairperson, Dave, shared with the council that we have a new Primary Member of the Pastoral Council who is from St. Mary's in Presque Isle, Herman Lagasse. Dave also noted that Jon Langley from Holy Rosary in Caribou is an Alternate Member of the Pastoral Council. A letter of introduction to the Pastoral Council went out to Herman Legasse and to all council members.		Dave Caron	
Commission Reports					
Worship & Spirituality	<p>Chairperson, Lynn Pelli shared the following: Due to snow storms and cancellations of our regular meeting, W&S members exchanged info via email. Email discussion pertained mainly with the Etiquette Insert that was placed in our bulletins. A parishioner felt the need to write a letter addressed to the W&S Commission concerning the Etiquette insert; hoping for a response. The following thoughts were shared by the W&S Commission members via email and the Pastoral Council Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some parishioners felt that they were targeted personally. • Needed to have an introduction to the insert. • Concern that we may be discouraging socialization within our churches. • Parishioners felt they were chided as children. • Church attire - what people wear, may be all they have to wear. • The youth are more negative to these views; the older parishioners seem to be more positive. • Maintaining a prayerful environment is very important. • Refreshing our 'Etiquette for Holy Mass' needs to occur. 	<p>Chairperson, Dave, shared that although there are negative comments; there are also many positive comments.</p> <p>Fr. Labrie stated that conversation dealing with the bulletin insert on Etiquette for Holy Mass is a positive thing; it is creating dialogue. We need to view this as a chance to get to know our parishioners; an ongoing opportunity for dialogue. It was well noted that if parishioners had any questions, to seek a member of the W&S Commission and actually that is occurring at this time.</p> <p>Chairperson, Lynn Pelli, will continue to maintain a dialogue with parishioners that are concerned and use the approach of having a W&S Commission member reach out to individuals of their church when necessary. This approach of reaching out and having a one on one conversation will be used with our parishioner that sent the letter.</p>		W&S Chair, Lynn Pelli	Informational

Faith Formation	<p>Parish Catechetical Leader, Stella Carlstrom mentioned the following in her report:</p> <p><u>*Please see Attachment on Faith Formation</u></p>	<p>St. Mary's & Holy Rosary - Live Stations of the Cross March 24 & March 31 respectively - 6:00 pm</p> <p>St. Denis, Fort Fairfield is losing attendance. Echoing sounds where kids are being taught is very annoying especially for kids with autism. Stella would like to have something done about this issue.</p> <p>Father Labrie recommended that Stella present this issue with the local church council at St. Denis in Fort Fairfield and go from there.</p>	Stella Carlstrom, Catechetical Leader	Informational
Youth Ministry	<p>Director of Youth Ministry, Corey Morin, mentioned the following in his report:</p> <p><u>*Please see Attachment on Youth Ministry</u></p>	<p>During Lent , the youth will be involved at St. Mary's in Presque Isle for a Wednesday Evening Soup Supper.</p> <p>March 5, 2017 - Middle School Rally at the KC Hall in Presque Isle.</p> <p>April 1, 2017 - Annual Spaghetti Fundraiser - after the 4:00 pm mass both in Caribou & Presque Isle.</p> <p>9 teens are registered for the upcoming Steubenville Conference in New York City.</p>	Corey Morin, Director of Youth Ministry	Informational
Church & Family Life Comm.	<p><u>Sue Dugal, Chair</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</p>	<p>Chairperson, Sue Dugal, stated that they met on Tuesday, February 21st and 6 members were present. At this time, they are working on establishing a Welcoming Ministry Team.</p> <p>Members shared that at their church they have 'welcome baskets' for new parishioners containing pertinent info regarding mass time, local info, school #'s, list of sitters or whatever pertains to that new person moving in along with a small gift.</p> <p>Sue also shared that they would like to have 'Welcome Packets' for new mom's while in the hospital. These packets would contain baptismal information.</p>	Sue Dugal, Chair Church & Family Life Comm.	Informational
H.O.P.E.	<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>Chair, Ruth Gahagan shared that the churches really came together to accomplish the successful donations of attire for the NMCC Dress for Success Job Interview.</p>	Ruth Gahagan	Informational

	Planet Head Day - The Parish of the Precious Blood netted \$4,475.23 to date for the C-A-N-C-E-R fundraiser.	Fundraiser: Weekend of May 3rd (Thursday, Friday, Saturday) Holy Rosary will be taking part in the City-wide Yard Sale; H.O.P.E. will need items for the yard sale.			
Pastoral Report					
Emergency Response:	<p>Father Labrie stated the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Because of threats that occurred, the Diocese is encouraging clusters to establish resources to deal with emergency situations using emergency guidelines. January 26, 2017 - Active Shooter Workshop Janet Beckwith attended along with law enforcement. Our sites have been visited by Michael Magalski, Director of Professional Responsibility at the Chancery and Police Officer, Jim Cerrato. Pictures were taken to ensure that each site is structurally capable of dealing with an emergency. (Proper exits, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We need to be prepared for situations that can occur on a daily basis; such as, power failure, heart attack, bomb threat, etc. Establish a plan, identify what needs to be done, educate people on plan, incorporate buddy system in case of an emergency, look into resources that others have done. Have binder with pertinent info - update every 6 months. 'Go to bag' with emergency contact #s, first aid kits, flashlight, etc. Identify exits - educate parishioners 	Fr. Labrie	Informational	Ongoing
Offertory Giving	<p>The Diocese has initiated a program to increase our offertory giving.</p> <p>This is good timing for us since we completed our 3 year gift - Growing in Faith Together.</p>	<p>This summer we will be receiving a letter coordinated by a group from our diocese - Changing With Our World.</p> <p>We are being asked to be a good steward to God's gifts.</p>			
Other Business					
Budget	Business Mgr., Mike Lagasse stated the following:	March - The Finance Council will be working on our new budget.	Mike Lagasse	Informational	
Ministry Reports	<p>Pastoral Life Coordinator shared the following:</p> <p><u>*Please see Attachment on Ministry Report - Jan 2017</u></p>	Janet Beckwith will continue to gather the info for our Monthly Ministry Reports. To be consistent with reporting the results of our ministries, we were asked to take a look at St. Joseph's method of reporting. Barb Caron will email a copy to each member, please feel free to make use of it.	Janet Beckwith	Informational	
Next Meeting					
Calendar		Date: Thursday, March 23, 2017 @ Holy Rosary in Caribou at 6:00 p.m.	Dave Caron		
Adjournment	7:02 p.m. - A time in prayer concluded our meeting.				