

Our Lady of the Prairie Area Faith Council Minutes

Nov. 28, 2017

St. Paul's, Walnut Grove

Attending: Father Bob, Cookie Cooreman, Becky Knakmuhs, Don Schmidt, Patty Lessman, Rose Warner

Call to Order

Opening Prayer: Cookie Cooreman

Minutes: Sept. 19, 2017 minutes were approved

Agenda: Approved

Parish Reports:

St. Michael's-Milroy

- Sink by elevator fixed
- Front door fixed
- Renewed LP contract
- Church painting—Red background, still deciding on accent color
- Endowment-distribute \$250 to Fogelsons
- Special Donation from Kevin Redding family of \$1000 and will be put towards paint job
- Cut Dana Cole's cleaning times as it was more than budgeted
- Church Cleaning
- Cor Jesu-Dec. 3 at 7:15 p.m.
- Discussed getting quotes on zero turn mower
- Becky Lanoue resigned from administration council and parish secretary effective 11-14

St. Mary's-Tracy

- DMA goal for 2018 is \$10,110.00
- Our Sunday Visitor increased Giving Program contract
- St. Mary's School welcomes Lisa Dieter as half time Principal and half time PE and music
- Religious Ed Report—Butter braid sales went well. Parent sacramental prep meeting went well. Confirmation Retreat was Nov. 11 at Sleepy Eye with 14 candidates. Dec. 10 is Lasagna Dinner and Silent Auction. CHWC group will begin making Belgian cookies for sale on first weekend in Dec.
- Still on hold with insurance company on church roof
- Bremer Trust will be contacted concerning borrowing against the \$39,000 gain on Endowment Fund towards the diocesan debt of \$70,000
- Discussion on remaining debt. An urgent message will be put in the Christmas Raffle envelopes
- Sump pump needed in rectory basement
- KC-CCW mass on Nov. 6 was poorly attended
- Bishop LeVoir will be here on Dec. 10 for the Diocese Advent Service at 2:00 p.m.
- Jan and Elsie are working on annual Christmas Raffle. Tickets will be \$5 each to win five-\$100 cash prizes
- St. Mary's School Christmas program is Dec. 17
- Aluminum recycling needs to be taken in
- Committee went to over 60 businesses inviting them to advertise on the back of the weekly bulletin

St. Paul's-Walnut Grove

- Church dinner on Nov. 12 served about 90 which was down a little
- No news on lawsuit

Business:

- Lisa Dieter is new Principal, Music teacher and PE teacher
- Long term goals—future plans, population

Liturgy:

- Dec. 2-3 First Sunday of Advent
- St. Nicholas Feast Day Sun. Dec. 6—St. Nicholas brunch in Milroy on Dec. 3.-- Dec. 3 Cor Jesu in Milroy at 7:15 p.m.
 - Fri, Dec. 8 Feast of the immaculate Conception of Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation.
- Masses: Thurs. Dec. 7 @ 5:30 p.m. in Walnut Grove, Fri., Dec. 8 @ 8:30 a.m. School Mass in Tracy, 7:00 P.M. in Milroy
 - Sun., Dec. 10—Lasagna Dinner in Tracy serving from 11:00-1:00
 - Sun., Dec. 10 2:00 p.m. Diocese Advent Service at St. Mary's in Tracy with St. Mary's School. Reception following
 - Sun., Dec. 17 St. Mary's School Christmas Program at 2:00 p.m.
 - Christmas Masses—Dec. 24 @ 4:00 p.m.in Tracy-choir sings at 3:30; Dec. 24 @7:00 p.m. in Walnut Grove-choir sings at 6:30; Dec. 25 @ 8:30 a.m.in Milroy—choir sings at 8:00.
 - Sun., Dec. 31 Holy Family
 - Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God is not a Holy Day of Obligation-Diocesan Feast Day—Mon., Jan 1, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in Milroy; Mon., Jan 1 at 10:30 a.m. in Tracy; No Mass in Walnut Grove
 - Jan. 6-7 Epiphany Sunday
 - Mon., Jan 8 Baptism of the Lord—end of Christmas season
 - Return to Ordinary Time Tues., Jan 9
 - Sun., Jan. 14 Soup and Chili Cook Off in Milroy
 - Thurs., Jan. 18 week of prayer for Christian Unity begins
 - Sat., Jan 20 First Reconciliation Retreat and First Confessions in Milroy
 - Sun., Jan. 21-Life Sunday; Mon., Jan. 22 Day of prayer for legal protection of the unborn children
 - Catholic Schools Week begins Jan. 28—School Mass at 10:30 in Tracy: Sun., Feb. 4 Catholic Schools Week ends with School Mass in Currie with soup and pie

Education:

St. Mary's School

- Accreditation—buzzer on door done; move chemicals; close alley during recess
- Computers and router need to be fixed—need bigger router or boosters

Religious Education Report

- Butter braid sales went well; Lasagna Dinner coming up' Making Belgian cookies
- Image of God series will be used Diocese wide
- Catholic Heart Workcamp—SW will match bus costs with 23-24 going. There is a waiting list

Adult Education

- RCIA--5 adults and children

Bible Study

- Cookie's house-will finish by Holy Week
- Milroy—usually does something during Lent

Social Concerns:

- Giving Tree in Tracy

-Food Shelf items through Advent

Stewardship:

-Starting in the spring

Next Meeting: Tues., Jan. 9 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Michael's in Milroy

Opening Prayer: _____ **Closing Prayer:** _____

Adjourn:

Closing Prayer: Rose Warner

Member	Parish	Beginning Term	End Term
Father Bob	Our Lady of the Prairie	Aug. 14, 2007	
Ashley Benson	Our Lady AFC	Sept. 19, 2017	
Rose Warner	St. Michael's	Nov. 29, 2011	Nov. 29, 2017
Don Schmidt	St. Michael's	Sept. 15, 2015	Sept. 15, 2021
Becky Knakmuhs	St. Paul's	Nov. 24, 2015	Nov. 24, 2021
Maydra Maas	St. Paul's	Mar. 21, 2017	Mar. 21 2023
Patty Lessman	St. Mary's	Mar. 21, 2017	Mar. 21, 2023
Cookie Cooreman	St. Mary's	July 19, 2017	July 19, 2023