

Cluster Meeting – Finance Councils

February 18, 2016 – St. Catherine's

Councils Represented:

St. Leo's – Katie Einck, Jim O'Neil

St. Mary's – Amy Boyenga, Dan Lorang

St. Catherine's – Mary McLaughlin (Parish Administrator), Patty Evans

Status of Closures:

St. Martin's – when Father Tom retires or when the church w/rectory are sold

St. Joseph's – meeting on March 6 to make a decision

St. Mary's – entertaining possibility of becoming a Marian Shrine with the Schonestead sisters

Proposed Mass Schedule:

Saturday – 5:30 pm (summers in Pipestone, winters in Luverne)

Sunday – 8:30 am at St. Catherine's, 10:30 am at St. Leo's, Spanish speaking mass at St. Leo's to follow

Finance Council Discussion Topics:

- 1) What can we share
- 2) Cost savings
- 3) Father Kosse's housing (in the interim before Father Tom retires, after the sale of the existing church/rectory in Woodstock)
- 4) Representatives for Council(s) going forward – proposed meeting schedule

Current Cost Sharing:

- 1) St. Leo's 74%, St. Joseph's 13%, St. Martin's 13%
- 2) St. Catherine's 87%, St. Mary's 13%

Current Paid Positions:

- St. Leo's: Sue (office/bookkeeping – full time), Mariam (Faith Formation – full time), Rudy (custodial)
- St. Catherine's: Mary (office/bookkeeping – full time), Lynne (Faith Formation – 3+ days/week), Katie (Faith Formation 80%), Ken (custodial – full time)

Cost Sharing when Clustered:

- 1) Priest Costs
- 2)
- 3)

Meeting of the Ministries of St. Leo and St. Catherine Parishes

February 18, 2016

We prepared for the meeting by taking part in Adoration followed by Benediction in the church.

6:00 PM
Gathering Space
at St. Catherine's

Father Kosse explained the format and structure of the meeting. He said that Jasper (St. Joseph) and Woodstock (St. Martin) would be closing. Ellsworth (St. Mary's) is expected to become an oratory.

He also gave the schedule of weekend Masses for our new cluster that was decided at the last meeting. Saturday evening Mass will be at 5:30 PM (May 1 through November 1 it will be in Pipestone and November 1 until May 1 it will be in Luverne); Sunday morning will be at 8:00 AM in Luverne; Sunday at 10:30 AM at Pipestone; the Spanish Mass will be in Pipestone at 2:30 PM. This will be sent to the bishop for his approval.

We divided into smaller groups for more discussion. Our group consisted of representatives of the pastoral counsels and social ministries.

Those present were from the Pipestone cluster: Tammy Manderscheidt and Gen Lasterfield. From Ellsworth Tom Jenniges, Jeremy Lenz and Bill Deutsch attended.

Luverne was represented by Mike Haakenson, Chris Hein, Sue Linebeck and Mary Lou Mulligan.

We decided that Monday is the priest's day off and that Pipestone would have Masses on Tuesday and Thursday and that one would be in the church and the other would move to different facilities. Luverne would have Wednesday and Friday for Masses also one in the church and the other in different facilities.

Ellsworth
Parkview Manor Nursing Home
Woodstock
New Life Treatment Center
Pipestone
Good Samaritan Nursing Home
Ridgeview Nursing Home
Falls Landing Assisted Living

Jasper
Sunrise Village Assisted Living
Hills
Tuff Memorial Nursing Home
Luverne
Good Samaritan Nursing Home
Minnesota Veterans' Home
Poplar Creek and the Oaks Assisted
Living

We thought the Luverne daily Masses could be at 9:00 AM and Pipestone could have their daily Masses at 5:00 AM. That probably would need more thought and discussion.

We discussed the idea of changing the time of the Sunday morning 8:00 AM Mass to 8:30 AM to give families and extra 30 minutes for driving. But also keep the 10:30 AM Mass at that time.

Mary Lou asked for a clear explanation of the Communion Services and the way the Consecrated Hosts would be transported by lay persons who would have to do the services. Father Kosse explained that safety of the Consecrated Hosts is a concern. But circumstances can be discussed.

After some discussion we thought that there should continue to be a Pastoral Council in each of the towns, Luverne and Pipestone. We thought they should continue to take the summer off and stagger the meetings every other month the rest of the year.

Most other ministries will continue to meet on a regular basis in their own parish.

Father Kosse handed out copies of the Faith Formation Report from his Tri-Parish. He said this part of our planning would be turned into the Bishop by March 1.

The date of March 3, 2016 was selected for the next meeting of this group and will be held at St. Leo's parish at 6:00 PM.

These notes were prepared by Mary Lou Mulligan.

Home Bound / Ministry of Care

St. Catherine's

Hospital Daily - call and ask how many Catholics are there. Pick up the Eucharist (bring extra for family & staff) go to the hospital and they give us a first name and room #.

90+ age group get birthday cards.

Hospice daily –if there is a Catholic present

Assisted living – weekly visits here and Hills.

Ellsworth nursing home – Weekly – Father

Veterans Home – Sunday morning communion service. Mass 2nd and 4th Thursdays - Father

Rides to Mass – 1 car at this time, weather dependant.

Grief Ministry – 2 groups they meet monthly at a restaurant for a meal.

Pipestone – St. Leo's

3 people – rotate visiting the home bound, rotation changes monthly

Residential sites: communion service – 3 people rotation

1st Friday – Father visits home bound

They have a printed schedule for volunteers total of 27 people they visit, 8 of whom are home bound.

Nursing Homes

Mary Jane Brown, Vet's Home – Luverne

Good Sam, Ridgeview – Pipestone

Parkview Manor - Ellsworth

Tuff Home – Hills

Edgebrook -Edgerton – no Mass

Assisted Living Facilities

Oak's / Poplar Creek - Luverne

Falls Landing - Pipestone

Sunrise Village - Jasper

Tuff Village - Hills

St. Catherine Ministry of Care

I have been involved with Ministry of Care for almost 8 years. It was started by Father Tom and Dick Smook a couple years prior. Presently we have 18 people involved with this ministry. We bring the Eucharist to shut-ins, but also try to meet a need with visits and spending time with those who are in need of a personal contact.

We visit the local hospital daily. We phone the hospital each morning and inquire if there are any Catholic patients. We are given a number of Catholic patients. so we know how many Eucharist to bring. At the hospital we are given a room number and a name. At each room we follow all rules regarding gowning, masking, and occasional gloving, and also check the patient's diet. While visiting, we always include any family and friends. We normally include the daily Gospel reading, Lord's Prayer, and a closing prayer and Blessing. If the patient cannot receive the Eucharist orally we use a spiritual Eucharistic prayer. During the visit we often ask if the patient. would like to be anointed and if so we locate Father Tom. At the present time we have a volunteer to cover the Hospital each day of the week.

Ministry of Care also visits the Hospice Cottage daily if there are any Catholics in that facility. We do not assign this visit site, Dick Smook and I cover the Cottage as needed.

The assisted living sites are visited weekly and Father Tom celebrates Mass there once a month. We do not visit the week Father celebrates Mass. We have 2 people assigned for these visits. Presently we are seeing 9 people at these sites.

Father Tom celebrates Mass at the local nursing home weekly and the nursing home in Ellsworth. We also have someone who brings the Eucharist to the local nursing home every Sunday. Father Tom celebrates Mass at the nursing home in Hills once a month and we have a couple that brings the Eucharist to that facility once a month.

Ministry of Care conducts a Communion Service at the Veteran's Home every Sunday morning. We have a couple assigned to each Sunday of the month. Father Tom also celebrates Mass there twice a month. If there are 5 Sundays in the month Dick and I cover that Sunday.

Ministry of Care also does home visits. This varies; some of the people are very long term, some are short term (after a health issue until the person can get back to Mass). A short time ago Dick and I each had 5 on our lists, at present I have 1 and Dick has no one. We have 2 others who also do home visits.

Ministry of Care also provides rides to parishioners who want to attend Mass, but are in need of transportation. The ride is door to door, the parishioner has to be able to care for themselves during Mass. Presently we have one car each week, with 3 riders however a couple years ago we had 2 cars each Sat. night with 7 riders and another car on Sunday. If the weather is bitter cold or icy we cancel the service for that Mass.

Ministry of Care also sends out Birthday Greetings to all parishioners over 90.