

Five Parish Council Meeting  
Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at St. John the Baptist Church

Present: Greg Homan, Ben Bruns, Roger Broering, Greg Albers, Rick Otte, Matt Muhlenkamp, Jesse Rose, Ryan Schwieterman, Sharon Kremer and Fr. Gene. Fr. Gene opened the meeting with prayer.

**New Business:**

- St. John is looking at quotes on painting the church in 2020. The church will be closed for 3 months so will be having the Masses at Precious Blood. We discussed Mass times, collections etc. Mass times will be at 5pm on Saturday and 9am and 11am on Sunday.
- Parish council elections. October 20 and 21. Need all names by October 1st for the new parish council.
- The Commemoration Mass for all those who died in the year will be October 30 at 7pm at Precious Blood.

**Youth Ministry**

Living It which is the JH youth ministry kicked off a new year this past Sunday. The theme this year is Called to be Catholic. Youth nights are held on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month. We are now allowing 6th graders to be part of this ministry. There has been a lot of good feedback from parents regarding this addition.

Mercer, Auglaize, Darke Youth Ministry will hold its kick off to the new ministry year this coming Sunday. We've added a new program this year called YES! (Youth Engaging Scripture) We're just getting started with it and will see how things go. We anticipate making some minor changes to the programming but we'll know more once we get off the ground. We will once again hold monthly youth nights and offer small discussion groups as well.

**Adult Faith Formation & Evangelization**

Carolyn Stucke will lead a six week program on Church History on Monday evenings from 6:30-8:00 starting October 1st.

Chris Wibbenmeyer will be organizing a small group topic called Presence - The Mystery of the Eucharist.

Was some discussion with basement rentals and youth activities that will need to be worked out.

**St. John**-Discussed the possible painting of the church moving Masses to Precious Blood.

**Precious Blood**-Talked about the basement rentals and youth group using basement. Will be discussed in more detail at the next Precious Blood parish council meeting.

**Nativity**-Put a circle drive way in Nativity's cemetery. Marvin Heitkamp and Ron Stucke did the work for this. Parish is checking the possibility of getting new carpet in the church.

**St. Rose**-Kevin Wuebker will be putting new roof on parish rectory/office and porch soon. New hand railing will be installed for the handicapped ramp. A new door was installed on the school house.

**St. Sebastian**-North Star will be starting to install the new furnace and air conditioning the week of September 24th. Getting quotes on propane. Window Creations have completed the windows on the west side. Quote on new carpet for the church. Terry Thobe finished the plastering the walls and some ladies from the parish painted.

Next meeting – January 28, 2019