

ST. MARY/ ST. TERESA CHURCH PASTORAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 9TH, 2018
MEETING AT ST. MARY CARLYLE @ 7:00 P.M.**

(individual parish meetings followed)

Fr. George opened the meeting with a prayer for vocations to the priesthood.

Roll call was taken and the minutes from the August 14th meeting were reviewed

St. Mary council members present were: Fr. George Mauck, Brad Clark, Ellen Knolhoff (DRE), Andy Zieren, Ron Zurliene, Michael Jansen, Cathy Guthrie, Stacy Holthaus, Paulette Evans, Scott Kauling and Tiffany Wesselmann

St. Teresa Marydale council members in attendance were: Deacon Charlie Litteken, Deacon John Hemen, Fr. George Mauck, Jean Albers, Steve Von Hatten, Denise Sinclair, Marilyn Diekemper, Todd Schneider, and Jim Koerkenmeier. Absent: Mary Lou Klumke

Covering masses at St. Teresa's Marydale and St. Mary was discussed

- Steve was willing to help out at Marydale until the end of summer
- Please, pray for Steve's health.
- There is a shortage of priest and many priest are over the retirement age. There are many parishes to cover and not enough priest.
- We need to figure out a solution soon concerning masses and mass times at both parishes.
- There is a concern that dropping a mass could take some people out and they may no longer attend a mass at one of our parishes
- Fr. George has been helping out at the 7:30 P.M. Saturday mass at Marydale and he has been busy with funerals and weddings on Saturdays
- Can parishioners adapt to changes?
- Suggestion-could take a survey to see what parishioners prefer
- Possibility of a 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 masses
- St. Teresa's parish prefers a Sunday morning and a Saturday evening mass.
- The Saturday evening mass was originally started for the Dairy farmers years ago.
- St. Teresa's no longer has Holy Day services
- The Christmas schedule needs to be planned since we will need extra help to cover the masses
- Both parishes should expect a change.

The joint meeting was adjourned so that each council could continue with their respective meetings.
Submitted by: Cathy Guthrie (parish council secretary)