

Parish Cluster Meeting of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary,  
Sacred Heart, and Sts. Philip and James Catholic Churches  
October 13, 2017  
Grand Mound

Present: Father Francis, SH - Mark Denniston, Stacy Agnitsch, Dean Ruley, Blain Crock,  
SSPJ – Terry Fischer, Peter Whitman, Robert Syslo, Diana Scott, Alan Kagemann,  
OLHR – Sue Zeller, Sally Van DeWalle, Roseanne Wisor, Parish Liturgical Coordinator Carolyn Proesch.

Peter Whitman called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.

Father Francis led the opening prayer.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read. Motion to approve minutes – Dean Ruley, Second – Roseanne Wisor, all ayes, minutes approved.

Father Francis presented the schedule of visiting priests that will be presiding in his absence from 12/31/17 – 01/27/18. Copies of the schedule were distributed to all members.

Father led the discussion of the Christmas Mass schedule. Father explained the obligation requirements for the weekend of 12/23/17 through 12/25/17. He explained that an obligation exists for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, which falls on 12/24/17 as well as, the obligation of The Nativity of our Lord (Christmas.) The 4:30 pm Mass on December 23<sup>rd</sup> and the 8:15 am Mass on December 24<sup>th</sup> in LN fulfill the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent obligation. The 4:30 Christmas Vigil Masses in OJ and GM on December 24<sup>th</sup> and the 8:15 am Mass in LN fulfill the Christmas celebration obligation.

Carolyn Proesch presented each member with upcoming monthly calendars for the Parish Cluster. The Christmas Mass Schedule was discussed and will be as follows:

12/24/17 – 4:30 pm Christmas Vigil Mass to be celebrated at Sacred Heart, Oxford Junction.  
4:30 pm Christmas Vigil Mass to be celebrated at SSPJ, Grand Mound, Father Henricksen presiding.  
12/25/17 – 8:15 am Christmas Mass (The Nativity of the Lord) to be celebrated at OLHR,  
Lost Nation.

Sally Van DeWalle brought forth a request of the possibility of a late evening Mass, 10:00 or 10:30 pm, for the Christmas Vigil Mass. After some discussion, it was decided to collect feedback from parishioners for future Christmas celebrations.

Feedback was given regarding the current Mass rotation schedule. Peter reported the challenge of decreased attendance during this rotation of Saturday evening Mass in Grand Mound. He also stated that the added Sunday Mass on the first Sunday of the month has been helpful and well received. Grand Mound members voiced a preference of a 4:30 pm Mass for the next time Grand Mound has the Saturday Mass in the rotation. Father suggested getting input from parishioners when determining future Mass times. It was also discussed to evaluate the Mass rotation on the basis of what is most beneficial for the entire cluster. Sacred Heart will have a discussion within their Pastoral Council to determine the Saturday Mass time for the upcoming rotation January 2018 – June 2018.

Roseanne spoke regarding a meeting she will be attending in the presence of Bishop Zinkula. She reported that Parish Clusters will be a focus of this meeting. Diana raised the concern of increased workload on priests in cluster situations. Roseanne added concerns for parishes to consider regarding a priest's health and well-being. Discussion was held, with Father Francis abstaining, regarding taking the best care of Father Francis as we can. It was decided to place a gentle reminder in the bulletin of Father's day off being Monday, for parishioners to only contact him on Monday in the case of an urgency.

Peter Whitman extended an invitation to the communities to attend a fundraising Spaghetti Dinner on October 24<sup>th</sup> in DeWitt to benefit hurricane victims. Flyers were distributed for the cluster parishes to display. Peter also mentioned an upcoming Knights of Columbus Conference, "Christ our Life." He distributed bookmarks containing information to be made available to parishioners of the cluster.

Father Francis spoke on the event of Solemn Vespers and Reconciliation scheduled for December 10, 2017 to be held at SSPJ in Grand Mound. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

The date for the next Parish Cluster meeting was tentatively set for Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 6:30 pm in Grand Mound.

Father Francis led the closing prayer

Motion to adjourn – Rosanne Wisor, Second – Robert Syslo, motion carried.

Carolyn Proesch  
Parish Cluster Liturgical Coordinator.