

**CHURCH OF ST. MARY
POLO, ILLINOIS**

PASTORAL PLAN - JULY 20, 1999

The Parish Consultations Process Committee of the Church of St. Mary has developed the following Pastoral Plan:

WORSHIP:

- * To appoint a chairman of the ushers by October 1, 1999. The Chairman will make the ushers aware of their participation in the liturgy and their important role as greeters.
- * To complete the formation of a Pastoral Council by September 1, 1999. This council will include: Joyce Hess, Janice Geirnaeirt, Garla Nelson, George Smith, Mike Getzendaner and Deacon Jack Gilmour.
- * We propose to increase the experience of community within the parish, especially within the Sunday liturgy. During the summer of 2000 we will consider two Masses per weekend; one Saturday evening and one Sunday morning.

COMMUNITY:

- * Conduct a campaign for stewardship renewal of time, talent and treasure in the fall of 1999. To continually recruit vocal and instrumental musical talent and increase participation in other ministries.
- * In addition to the bulletin, inform parishioners of programs available by producing a brochure explaining the parish ministries by the spring of 2000.
- * Give consideration to forming an Evangelization Group to reach out to inactive members of our faith community during Lent in the year 2000.

SERVICE:

- * To continue to provide spiritual, material, and financial assistance to the needy in cooperation with the Polo Community Council of Churches. George Smith is currently President and Joyce Hess is serving as Secretary for the Polo Community Council of Churches. The parish is represented on each committee of the council.

EDUCATION:

- * Prior to the next school year, to review how effective the grade and high school religious education programs are and to reevaluate the number of hours dedicated to this program.
- * To continue to offer Adult Religious Education and encourage participation on a regular basis, particularly during Advent and Lent.
- * During the school year 1999/2000 to explore sharing with other parishes in our cluster the use of the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office to encourage more youth participation.