**AGENDA for 5/18/17**

1. Opening Prayer
2. Read the Mission Statement
3. Review the minutes from last meeting – anything to add?
4. Short report from all sitting committees
   1. Faith Formation
   2. Hospitality
   3. Community Outreach
   4. Pastoral Ministry
   5. Liturgy
   6. Renovation Committee
5. “Share Time” – “For the Good of the Parish”
6. Do you need anything with Brenda Collins is out?
7. Do we need to be doing anything for our Immigrants? Share what we have found out by talking to others. Talk further about the readings that were shared. What did Maribeth find out from talking to Rod Gumz and Dennis Harkins? Next steps?

**Continue discussion on these “bigger” topics  --**

1. How can we connect more within the Parish – here are some ideas we have already shared
   1. Can we get smaller groups defined and we all get meetings/gatherings going?
   2. Can we do some sort of campaign like we just did – but not for money – instead to increase Church attendance and camaraderie?
   3. Book Club
   4. Card Party
   5. Prayer Partners
   6. Buddy Families
   7. Greeters
      1. Faith Formation Greeters
      2. All Committees take turns as Greeters
   8. Name tag weekend
   9. Walk about and visit with people prior to Mass / Sit in new places and visit with new neighbors
   10. Other ideas?
2. Gather ideas on how to increase our presence in the community – some ideas to toss around that you mentioned
   1. Join the wine walk?
   2. Do we have St. Mary’s sports teams in various leagues?
   3. Have a Team in the Relay for Life?
   4. Have a day a month that we are active with food pantry?
   5. Do we cover concession booths for various kids sports events?
   6. Do we start a euchre party night a month?
   7. Other ideas?

Mission Statement

*We, the parishes of St. Mary Help of Christians(Briggsville) and St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception(Portage), in  a spirit of faith and service rooted in the mission of Christ as revealed in the Gospel,  are committed to creating welcoming communities that actively pursue opportunities for formation in our Catholic faith, spiritual growth and outreach to others in need.*