

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
November 9, 2023  
St. Mary Catholic Faith Community  
Hales Corners, WI

Present: Fr. Aaron Laskiewicz, Jim Podewils, Maureen Riemer, Patti Peters, Elisabel Chojnacki, Lynn Czaplewski, David Fritz, Mel Hendrickson, Mary Matestic, Janet Miller, Steven Rice, Clem Budney

Excused: Mike Hamlin, Pam Lownik, Tammy DuBois

**Opening Prayer:** Fr. Aaron led an opening prayer.

**Approval of Pastoral Council Minutes:** The [Pastoral Council Minutes 101223](#) were approved.

**Liaison Reports:**

**Finance:**

- It was reported that the Parish continues to operate in line with its fiscal 2023-24 financial budget.

**School:** [School Minutes 091223.docx](#)

- 394 students enrolled.

**SLAW:**

- 46 women attended the Autumn Women's Retreat on the weekend of October 20-22. Fr. Aaron presided over mass.

**Human Concerns:**

- Circle of Love kicked off last weekend.
- Respect Month Life was a success.

**Discipleship:** [Discipleship Minutes 101923.pdf](#)

- Jess Panlener started as the Child and Family Discipleship Coordinator on November 1st.
- A Family of Faith lasagna ministry event will take place on November 19 and 20.

**Hospitality Commission Showcase:**

- The parish calendar was reviewed for hospitality dates. The Pastoral Council will sponsor the first hospitality weekend on January 27 and 28, 2024.

**Name Tags for New PC Members:**

- Pastoral Council name tags will be ordered.

**Parish Mission Review:**

- October is the month of Mary, and St. Mary will continue to have speaker presentations in October in future years.

**Installation Mass:**

- Fr. Aaron's Installation Mass will be held at 4 PM on Saturday, November 25th.
- Group photos will be taken.
- Hospitality will take place afterwards in the gathering space.

**Pastor's Report:**

- Thanksgiving Day Mass will be held at 9 AM.
- Magnify will be held on November 29th. Jeff Kacala will speak on gratitude.
- On the first and third Sundays in Advent, St. Mary will hold a prayer service at 4 PM.
- Be Still and Know will be held on the second Sunday in Advent.
- December 8th is the Immaculate Conception, which is a holy day of obligation, and mass will be said at 8:15 AM, 12:10 PM and 7 PM.
- The St. Andrew's dinner will be held on December 21st at the St. Francis de Sales Seminary to promote vocations to high school boys.
- Magnify will be held on December 27th. Mary Beth Katorski will reflect that evening.
- Parish is fully staffed.
- The Mass of Remembrance and The Mass of Hope and Healing were held and both were well-received.

**What are you Hearing?**

- Parishioners were complimentary that the choir is back at 9 AM mass.

**Blessing:** The meeting closed with a blessing.

Submitted by: Patti Peters, Secretary