

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2023
St. Mary Catholic Faith Community
Hales Corners, WI

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

Excused: Tammy DuBois

Opening Prayer: Fr. Aaron led an opening prayer.

Approval of Pastoral Council Minutes: The [Pastoral Council Minutes 060823](#) were approved.

Welcome New Members: New members Elisabeth Chojnacki, Melissa Henderson and Pam Lownik were introduced. Welcome!

Liaison Reports:

Finance:

- School target enrollment for 2023 was 368 students and 390 students have enrolled.
- The final price for the parking lot improvement was \$512,000, and the funds to pay that bill are coming from the Love One Another campaign.
- Profit from the festival was \$109,000.

Pastoral Care: [Pastoral Care Minutes 091323.doc](#)

- Mass of Hope and Healing will be held Wednesday, October 11 at 6:30 PM
- Mass of Remembrance will be held Thursday, November 2 at
- A Grief Support Group will begin in November
- Pastoral Care Commission will consist of four ministries, or committees:
 - Ministers of Holy Communion
 - Anointing
 - Intercessory Prayer
 - Funeral Ministry
- Shelly Runte will be Chairperson and Judy Humpl will be Vice Chair. The Secretary position will be rotating.

SLAW:

- Reception of the Precious Blood will continue at all Masses beginning the weekend of October 7 and 8

Human Concerns:

- Circle of Love will return and 500 request envelopes will be available

- There will be a new liaison with Kinship
- Chris Warner will be Chairperson and Dana Federickson will be Vice Chair. The Secretary assignment will be revolving.

Discipleship: [Discipleship Minutes 081423.docx](#)

The new Discipleship Commission is now meeting.

Discernment of Officers and Liaison:

- The assignments were discerned as follows: [Council Roster 2023-2024](#)

Pastoral Council Vision:

- Hospitality and Mentorship committees will be formed
- A Discernment Committee will be created near the end of this session to recruit and discern new Pastoral Council members for 2024-2025
- Pastoral Council members be visible with Growth and Discipleship initiatives, become more intentional in inviting fellow parishioners to events and to have the courage to pray with others

Installation Mass:

- The mass date has not yet been set

What Are You Hearing?:

- Two babies have been conceived after intervention with the Church
- A Parish dentist is providing dental care to an individual who does not have dental insurance
- Judge Mosley spoke on Racial Justice to 135 people on Saturday, September 9 and received positive feedback
- Someone questioned if the school was building an addition; it is not
- St. Mary Community is welcoming for grieving families at funerals

Pastor's Report:

- Magnify will continue be held the last Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM
- A Pet Blessing will be held on Saturday, October 7 at 1 PM
- On October 18 at 7 PM the Archdiocese will hold a holy hour at St. Mary
- On October 24, at 6:30 PM Fr. John LoCoco will present on the Eucharistic Revival
- During October, on Monday at 6:30 PM, the rosary will be said
- Monday Adoration times have changed to 1 PM to 8 PM
- Season 4 of the Chosen will be held in winter
- There is no fourth week of Advent this year because Christmas Eve lands on the fourth Sunday of Advent. For the fourth Sunday of Advent, mass will be said on Saturday at 4 PM and on Sunday, December 24th at 7:30 AM and 9 AM. No 11 AM fourth week of Advent mass will be offered that day. Christmas Day masses will be held on Christmas Eve, December 24th at 4 PM, 6 PM and 10:30 PM and on Christmas Day at 8, and 10:30

AM. There is an obligation to attend one of the masses celebrated for both the fourth Sunday of Advent and for Christmas.

Blessing: The meeting closed with a blessing.

Submitted by: Patti Peters, Secretary