

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
October 12, 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, Clem Budney

Excused: Steven Rice, Tammy DuBois

Opening Prayer: Fr. Aaron led an opening prayer.

Approval of Pastoral Council Minutes: The [Pastoral Council Minutes 091423.docx](#) were approved.

Follow-Up on Commission Rosters: To comply with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee guidelines, each Pastoral Council Commission Liaison is working with their respective Commission to create a roster of the members and committees.

Liaison Reports:

Finance:

- New fiscal year started in July.
- Finances are currently on track.

Pastoral Care: [Pastoral Care Minutes 100423.docx](#)

- Mass of Remembrance will be held on November 2, 2023 at 6:30 PM.
- Grief Support Group is starting on November 6, 2023.

SLAW: [SLAW Minutes 09262023.docx](#)

- Precious Blood continues and there is an increased need for Eucharistic Ministers
- Thanksgiving Mass will be held at 9 AM
- Sunday choir is back
- Additional volunteers are needed for the Sunday video streaming

Human Concerns: [Human Concerns Minutes 08292023.docx](#)

- A new Committee, Kinship, is partnering with St. Mary. Kinship provides hands-on services for youth and young adults. St. Mary is starting with a small group to develop the program. Communications to the parish will begin in January.

Discipleship: [Discipleship Minutes 09212023.pdf](#)

- Current focus on Youth Discipleship.
- Adopting the five characteristics of a dynamic disciple.
- Racial Justice Committee has ended at St. Mary.

Hospitality Weekends

- Looking to have the Pastoral Council and each Commission sponsor future hospitality events approximately every two months.
- Wanting to highlight each Commission to new members of the parish and connect members with these initiatives and current parish members.
- Liaisons were asked to go back to their Commissions and get feedback.

Installation Mass:

- Fr. Aaron's Installation Mass will be held at 4 PM on Saturday, November 25, 2023.

Pastor's Report:

- Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 6:30 PM, Fr. LaCoco will preach on the National Eucharistic Revival. Hospitality will follow.
- Magnify will be held on October 25, 2023 at 6:30 PM. Fr. Aaron will present.
- Eucharistic Adoration will begin for the school in November and will also be scheduled in March.
- St. Mary is hosting an Encounter Event on Wednesday, October 18, 2023. Holy hour will be open to the public at 7 PM.
- Masses will be said on All Saints Day, a holy day of obligation, at 8:15 AM (school) 12:10 PM and 7:10 PM.
- The Pet Blessing on October 7, 2023 at 1 PM was a success. It will be an annual event.
- A Child and Family Discipleship Coordinator has been hired.
- The Autumn Women's Retreat will be held the weekend of October 20 -22, 2023, and Fr. Aaron will say mass.

What are you Hearing?

- There is interest in hearing the choir at 4 PM and 9 AM masses in addition to 11 AM mass.

Blessing: The meeting closed with a blessing.

Submitted by: Patti Peters, Secretary