

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2024
St. Mary Catholic Faith Community
Hales Corners, WI

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

Excused: Lynn Czaplewski, David Fritz, Clem Budney, Tammy DuBois

Opening Prayer: Fr. Aaron led an opening prayer.

Approval of Pastoral Council Minutes: The [Pastoral Council Minutes 11/09/23](#) were approved.

Liaison Reports:

Discipleship: [Discipleship Minutes 111623](#)

- School of Identity retreat to be held on May 10 and 11 at St. Mary Parish
- Emmaus 90 is well-received

Finance:

- School Enrollment is at 393
- Budget is on track

Human Concerns: [Human Concerns Minutes 112823](#)

- Human Concerns will sponsor a hospitality weekend April 20 and 21

Pastoral Care: [Pastoral Care Minutes 120623](#)

School: [School Minutes 111423](#)

- School received a Title 1 grant of \$9,000 which is going toward tutoring
- Lockdown drill was held

SLAW: [SLAW Minutes 111423](#)

- SLAW will partner with the School weekend on January 27 and 28 to have the school children volunteer as lectors and musicians at all masses
- St. Mary is looking for parishioners to lector, especially at 7:30 AM and 11 AM mass

Vatican Declaration Fiducia Supplicans:

- Pastoral Blessing has always existed
- Blessings of irregular unions, unmarried couples, or same sex couples should not appear as a sacrament
- Blessings are given to each individual and not couple
- Blessings can be given to any individual

Mass Intentions:

- Canon Law states that the priest offers each mass for a specific intention
- St. Mary has previously had the same twelve intentions for all weekend masses
- Canon Law states one mass a week is Pro Populo “for the people”
- Canon Law allows two masses per week for multiple intentions
- St. Mary is updating their mass intentions to follow Canon Law

Synod:

- Catholics are encouraged to become familiar with the documents of Vatican II
- The results of the synod were documented in a manual, “A Synodal Church in Mission” which Catholics are encouraged to read

Pastor’s Report:

- Feb 2 is the Feast of Presentation of the Lord, which includes the ritual of blessing candles. Candles will be blessed at the 8:15 AM mass
- Feb 3 is the feast of St. Blaise and blessing of the throat will take place after all weekend masses on Feb 3 and 4
- February 14 is Ash Wednesday and mass will be celebrated at 8:15 AM, 12:10 PM, and 7:10 PM
- Going forward, Magnify will be held the last Wednesday of the month

Christmas Review:

- Flocknote article that was color coded and contained the dates and times of masses to satisfy the obligation for the fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas was effective
- Children’s choir mass on Christmas Eve was good

What are you Hearing?

- Some people have mentioned difficulty with drinking the precious blood out of the new cups
- A charitable organization was thankful for the lasagna that was provided by the Families of Faith

Blessing: The meeting closed with a blessing.

Submitted by: Patti Peters, Secretary