

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2024
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, Mary Matestic, Janet Miller, Steven Rice, Clem Budny

Excused: Mel Hendrickson, Pam Lownik, Tammy DuBois

Opening Prayer: Fr. Aaron led an opening prayer.

Approval of Pastoral Council Minutes: The [Pastoral Council Minutes 01/11/24](#) were approved.

Liaison Reports:

Discipleship: [Discipleship Minutes 01/18/24](#)

- St. Mary will be switching from the GASIC to the Courage program

Finance:

- Budget is on track

Human Concerns: [Human Concerns Minutes 01/16/24](#)

- Planning for Lenten weekends with Ministry Partners

Pastoral Care:

- School of Identity is scheduled for May 10 and 11, 2024
- Grief Support will break for summer
- A new book study will be held March 14 through May 11, 2024 on Thursday mornings

School:

- Held the Commission's first hospitality weekend on January 28 and 29, 2024

SLAW: [SLAW Minutes 01/30/24](#)

- A dress code for liturgical ministers is being considered. Jim Clauer introduced a code that will be reviewed and updated

Pastoral Council Norms Appendix: The Norms were approved and will be forwarded to the Milwaukee Archdiocese.

Facility Update:

- Weekly updates are distributed via Flocknote

- School pipes and heating coils were damaged during recent blizzard
- Insurance will cover repairs but not replacements
- Three bids were received and are being considered

Tabernacle Move:

- The Tabernacle will move to the Sanctuary, where the Credence Table is currently, on Corpus Christi Sunday
- Discussed and approved by Administration, Council and SLAW
- Altar from old Church will be moved into the Adoration Chapel

Seminarian Internship:

- Fernando Diaz, a student at Sacred Heart Seminary, will be interning at St. Mary for two semesters, working four to six hours a week
- He is on the Liturgical Ministry schedule and will be at one mass per weekend.
- Next semester, his focus will be working with the school

Hospitality Weekends:

- Jim and Maureen are working on comprehensive instructions for the Commissions to help each run their hospitality weekend
- Next Hospitality weekend will be sponsored by Human Concerns in April
- Endowment and Pastoral Council will hold their Hospitality weekend in June
- SLAW's Hospitality weekend will be held on August 17 and 18, 2024
- Pastoral Care and Discipleship will hold their separate Hospitality weekends in either September or November

Pastor's Report:

- Ash Wednesday masses will be held at 8:15 AM, 12:10 PM and 7 PM. It is not a holy day of obligation
- No dispensation is given on Ash Wednesday even though it is Valentines Day
- Magnify will be held the last Wednesday of the Month, with February's topic on forgiveness and mercy
- Be Still and Know will be held on Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024 at 4 PM
- Little black books will be available during Lent
- Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday evenings at 6:30 PM during Lent
- On March 20th, twelve hours of reconciliation will be held at St. Mathias from 8 AM to 8 PM
- St. Mary will be getting an Associate Pastor, starting the third Tuesday in June
- The June Pastoral Council meeting will be moved to June 20, 2024 from June 13, 2024

Blessing: The meeting closed with a blessing.

Submitted by: Patti Peters, Secretary