

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2024
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, Pam Lownik, Mary Matestic, Steven Rice, Clem Budny

Excused: Mike Hamlin, Janet Miller, Tammy DuBois

Opening Prayer: Fr. Aaron led an opening prayer.

Approval of Pastoral Council Minutes: The [Pastoral Council Minutes 02/08/24](#) were approved.

Encounter Ministry and School of Identity:

- Guest Speaker: Mary Beth Katorski
- Encounter Ministry runs a two-year school of ministry
- School of Identity, being held at St. Mary Parish on May 10 and 11, 2024, will be based on the transformation teachings of the ministry program
 - Attendees at the School of Identity training will:
 - learn to grow in hearing God's voice
 - experience renewal of the mind, learning the truth of who we are through scripture
 - realize the Importance of evangelization and living with faith
 - understand that no matter where you are in your relationship with Christ, the program will speak to you

Liaison Reports:

Deanery:

- There has not been a Deanery meeting since summer of 2023

Discipleship: [Discipleship Minutes 02/15/24](#)

Finance:

- Working on finalizing the Fiscal year 2025 budget for the Parish

Pastoral Care: [Pastoral Care Minutes 02/07/24](#)

School: [School Minutes 01/09/24](#)

- Teacher Satisfaction Survey is conducted every other year, so it will not be completed this year

Leadership 360:

- Invitations have been sent to Pastoral Council and Parish staff to provide feedback on Fr. Aaron

Facility Update:

- Floor repairs will take place during spring break
- Classrooms should reopen mid-April assuming space heaters can be accommodated
- Repairs should be completed in June after school is out for summer

Discernment:

- Three-year Pastoral appointments will be up for Lynn Czuplewski, David Fritz, Mike Hamlin and Mary Matestic this summer
- Seeking help from council members to assist in the Discernment process

Pastor's Report:

- Fr. Aaron will interview an associate pastor this week
- Parish staff held a retreat day, March 13, 2024
- Thirty-six pilgrims will travel with Fr. Aaron to Eastern Europe in June, 2024
- Twelve hours of reconciliation will be held at St. Matthias Parish from 8 AM to 8 PM on Wednesday, March 20, 2024
- Palm Sunday masses will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 4 PM and on Sunday, March 24, 2024 at 7 AM, 9 AM and 11 AM
- Magnify will not be held in March because Be still and Know will be held on Palm Sunday, March 25, 2024 at 4 PM
- Stations of the Cross will continue to be held on Friday at 7:30 PM during lent, with the exception of Good Friday
- Chrism mass will be held at St. John the Evangelist Cathedral on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 7 PM
- Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper, will be held at 7 PM on March 28, 2024. The gathering space will remain open until 11 PM for Eucharistic Adoration. Night prayer begins at 10 PM in the gathering space and will remain open until 11 PM
- Commemoration of the Lord's Passion will be held at 1 PM on Friday March 29, 2024 and the church will remain open until 5 PM
- Easter food basket blessings will be celebrated at 3 PM on Saturday, March 30, 2024
- The Easter Vigil will begin at 8 pm Holy Saturday, March 30, 2024
- Easter Sunday masses will be said at 7 AM, 9 AM and 11 AM on March 31, 2024
- Divine Mercy Holy Hour will be held on the second Sunday of Easter, April 7, 2024 at 3PM

What are you Hearing?

- Seniors have commented that they are pleased that an afternoon Station of the Cross has been scheduled for Friday, March 22, 2024 at 1 PM
- Positive feedback has been received about school and church communications

Blessing: The meeting closed with a blessing.

Submitted by: Patti Peters, Secretary