

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
10-09-25  
St. Mary Catholic Faith Community  
Hales Corners, WI

**Present:** Fr. Aaron Laskiewicz, Gilbert Frenn, David Mikolainis, Jim Podewils, Mary Beth Katorski, Clem Budny, Joe Plassmeyer, Caroline Schachtlie, Brenda White, Mel Hendrickson

**Excused:** Frank LaSusa, Tom Gaglione, Pilar Azmani, Elisabel Chojnacki, Tammy DuBois

**Opening Prayer:** Fr. Aaron read a passage from the Gospel of Luke and led the group in Intercessory prayer

**Approval of Minutes:** Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes from Sept 18, 2025 were approved. [Pastoral Council 09-18-25 Final.pdf](#)

**Liaison Reports:**

**Finance:**

- Meeting was held on 09-23-25
- Linda Joyner, Principal of St. Mary Parish School attended the meeting
  - School enrollment is at 377, down a little, but at a good level
  - The school administration has applied for special needs scholarships through the State of WI Dept of Education. 14 students have qualified and the school will receive \$16049 for each student. This will allow 1 additional staff person to run the program at St. Mary.
- Dan Hansen will be submitting a letter to Archbishop Grob to explain the current parish financial deficit. Fr. Aaron will be sending out a letter to the parishioners explaining the Offertory Giving program.

**Deanery:**

- Archbishop Grob is focused on getting the structure of the Deanery up and running

**Discipleship:**

- Nothing to report at this time

**Human Concerns:** [Human Concerns 09-10-25 Final.pdf](#)

- Meeting was held on 09-10-25
- Focus was regarding questions the group had about Common Leadership Night,

11-13-25

**Pastoral Care:** [Pastoral Care 09-03-25 Final.pdf](#)

- Meeting was held on 09-03-25
- The four Pastoral Care ministries are actively engaging with the Parish community and on task

**School Advisory:**

- Nothing to report at this time
- Next meeting will be 10-16-25

**SLAW:**

- Currently focusing on Advent and Christmas liturgy preparation

**Pastor's Report:**

- School & Parish "Pastoral" Strategic Planning
  - Dan Scholz, Linda Joyner, Tom Fredrickson and Fr. Aaron met to discuss if School & Parish Strategic Planning could be done simultaneously. It was agreed that planning could be done together. The group will coordinate efforts to move the process forward. It will be an eight month project consisting of a 15 member steering committee. Information obtained from surveys, etc will be used for school accreditation, mission statements, etc.
- Encounter Ministries School of Healing
  - Will be held Oct 10 and 11; walk-ins are welcome
  - Sat, Oct 11 at 6:30pm, Healing Service in Church
- The Parish Office will be closed on 10-15-25 for a mandatory "fun day" with Fr. Aaron
- Mass of Hope and Healing will be held on 10-14-25 at 6:30pm
- Magnify will be held on 10-29-25 at 6:30pm
  - Will not be held in Nov or Dec due to the Advent and Christmas holidays
- Mass of Thanksgiving for Archbishop Grob will be held on 11-3-25 at 6pm for receiving his Pallium from Pope Leo.
- Dinner for Veterans will be held on 11-11-25
- Archbishop Grob confirmed 74 confirmandi on 10-5-25 at the 11am Mass. ● Seminarians are starting off their assignments here at St. Mary Catholic Faith Community and doing well

**Common Leadership Night:**

- Will be held Thursday, 11-13-25 at 6:30pm

- Goal is for unity among the Commissions and understanding of what each group is doing
- Liaisons have been asked to share this information with their individual Commission ● Fr. Aaron will also send out an email to the Commission Chairs with information regarding the Common Leadership Night
- The evening will start with prayer at 6:30pm followed by meetings at 6:45pm in assigned meeting spaces
- Commission reports and food will be served after the individual group meetings starting at 8pm

**What are you hearing?:**

- Enhanced Offertory Giving is an Archdiocese program.
  - Fr. Aaron will clarify language used to introduce the Enhanced Offertory Giving program as some may not understand what “Offertory” Giving means
  - “Offertory Giving” is the same as “monthly” giving.
- Fr. Aaron will provide information on how to access FlockNote

The meeting was adjourned with a Blessing from Fr. Aaron

Submitted by: Caroline Schachtlie, Pastoral Council Secretary