

Common Leadership Night Meeting Minutes

11-13-25

St. Mary Catholic Faith Community

Hales Corners, WI

Common Leadership Night:

An event created to bring together our Parish Commissions and Committees to develop energy among parish leadership along with awareness of the vastness of our leadership groups here at St. Mary. Common Leadership fosters community, collaboration and a greater sense of discipleship.

Opening Prayer, the Gospel-Luke 17:20-25 and Intercessions: Led by Fr Aaron with dismissal of Commissions to their assigned meeting spaces to conclude the opening prayer with brief faith sharing as a group.

Individual Commission Meetings (1 hour):

- Human Concerns - Marion Room
- Discipleship - Parish Lunch Room
- SLAW - Holy Trinity Conference Room
- Pastoral Care - 312A
- School Advisory - 312C

Social and Commission Reports:

Human Concerns: [Human Concerns 10-01-26 Final.pdf](#)

- Presenter: Chris Warner
- Human Concerns and Respect Life Outreach focuses not only on our Parish but the community at large
- Each month, September - April, focuses on a different outreach group
 - September's focus was Respect Life - Womens Support Center
 - October's focus was on our relationship with our Sister Parish in Haiti
 - The Parish as been very generous with their monetary support
 - November/December - Circle of Love, St. Vincent dePaul
 - COL-90% of envelopes were taken the first weekend
 - StVdP-Excellent response from Parishioners (25 volunteers) to sign up for different activities, i.e., Food Pantry, Meal site help and Home visits.
 - January's focus will be a Life Fair at Church
 - Lent: One Outreach Partner will be highlighted each weekend of Lent for special needs requests
- Kinship is a new Outreach Partner and a new Ministry partner in the works

Discipleship: [Discipleship 10.16.25 Final.pdf](#)

- Presenter: Andy McKenna
- In the second rotation of members, going well
- Parish Mission: What Must I do to be saved?, with Pete Burak of Renewal Ministries
Dec 1 & 2, \$10, 6:30-8pm
- Pray for others with Alpha
 - Write down the names of 3 people
 - At 11:02 pray for them and our city
 - After 21 days, ask them to join Alpha to discuss our faith
 - Video presentation with small group discussions held Jan 13 - Mar 31,
Tuesdays 6:30-8:45pm at St Mary then out in the community
- Invitation to Christmas Mass will be sent out to the local community by Thanksgiving

SLAW:

- Presenter: Jim Symanski
- SLAW focuses on the following Ministries:
 - Lector of the Word of God
 - Distribution of the Eucharist/Precious Blood at Mass
 - Hospitality
 - Environment
 - Assisting Sacrestans
 - Video Ministry
 - Music, Musicians and Cantors
- September Hospitality Weekend - Successful recruitment of parishioners to actively participate in these Ministries. Would like to broaden reach to students in the school, parishioners and seminarians to help within these areas.

Pastoral Care: [Pastoral Care 10-01-25 Final.pdf](#)

- Presenter: Mary Kelliher
- Pastoral Care Commission is made up of 4 areas:
 - Anointing
 - Individual by a Priest
 - Anointing of the Sick-1st Saturday after 4pm Mass
 - Prayer Shawl Ministry
 - Prayer
 - Teams for Special Event
 - Be Still & Know
 - Magnify
 - Intercessory Prayer-1st Sunday after 9am Mass
 - Group on 1st & 3rd Wed after Mass
 - Communion
 - Home
 - Nursing Home
 - Hospital
 - Grief and Loss

- Grief Support Group
 - Funeral Ministry
 - Mass of Hope and Healing
 - Mass of Remembrance
- The focus of this Commission is Word, Sacrament and Service to provide comfort, friendship and prayer to those in need
 - Will be utilizing Notebird Software to improve communication between ministries

School Advisory:

- Presenter: Linda Joyner, Principal of St Mary School
- Acts as an advisory group to the Principal and Pastor to stay on Mission, Grow and Thrive in Catholic Identity and Academic Excellence in the future.
- There are 8 positions within this group made up of school parents, former school parents, 2 Pastoral Council Liaisons and teachers as well as Fr Aaron and Linda Joyner, Principal of St. Mary
- Subcommittees have been created for Marketing, Recruitment, Budget/Finance and Policy/Planning
- Projects being worked on are:
 - Self Study for next year's accreditation
 - Strategic Planning in tandem with Marquette University
 - Revamping the Family Handbook
 - Recruitment-Reaching out to parents when they have their child baptized to introduce the school and then a yearly touch base with an invitation to the School Open House in January when the child reaches 3 years old
- Currently there are 377 students enrolled at St Mary School

Closing: People were invited to continue socializing after the Commission Reports and blessing given by Fr. Aaron.

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