

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2023

St. Mary Catholic Faith Community

Hales Corners, WI

Present: Fr. Aaron Laskiewicz, Jim Podewils, Maureen Riemer, Patti Peters, Lynn Czaplewski, Deb Gonnella, Mike Hamlin, Andre Lesperance, Mary Matestic, Janet Miller, Steven Rice

Guest: Dan Hansen

Excused: Clem Budney, Tammy DuBois, Tom Frederickson, David Fritz

**Opening Prayer:** Fr. Aaron led a Lectio Divina.

**Approval of Pastoral Council Minutes:** The [Pastoral Council Minutes 030923.docx](#) were approved.

**Budget Presentation:** Dan Hansen, Director of Administrative Services, presented the 2023/2024 budget per Archdiocese guidelines.

**Liaison Reports:**

- **Pastoral Care**

- [Pastoral Care Minutes 041223.docx](#)

- If anyone is aware of someone who would like a Pastoral Care Minister visit, please contact Mary Matestic.

- **School Advisory**

- [School Advisory Minutes 011023.docx](#)

- Enrollment is at 380 students for the fall semester from 357 currently
    - Two Fundraisers were held
      - Annual Appeal raised \$27,444
      - Royal Affair raised \$27,800
    - New Teacher Salary Model has been proposed

- **Social Concerns**

- [Social Concerns Minutes 041823.docx](#)

- [Racial Justice Minutes 041823](#)

- Racial Justice will be moved to the new Discipleship Commission

**Mission Review:** The Pastoral Council chairs met with Fr. Aaron to review the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, "Parish Council's Manual for Parish and Pastoral Councils." The purpose was to identify best practices for managing St. Mary's five Commissions. Members of the Pastoral Council are being asked to go back to their respective committee and identify the chairpersons and members of each Commission. We are doing this to be consistent with the Archdiocese,

add some structure to the oversight and management of these Commissions and to encourage more parish members to get involved. Fr. Aaron and Jim Podewils plan to meet with each of the Commission to discuss these practices and formalize each Mission Statement. In September each Commission will be expected to select the new year's officer positions and members.

**Parish Communications:** Lynn Czaplewski suggested that members of the Pastoral Council review the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, "Parish Commissions and Committees Manual."

Lynn suggested there should be more communication on how an individual can receive Communion for the sick and she would like to see signs indicating what section will be distributing gluten-free hosts. She believes that the "Pray For" section in the bulletin should be published longer than one month.

Fr. Aaron mentioned that St. Mary has free communion pyxes available for sign out for parishioners who want to provide communion for the sick.

These concerns will be referred for discussion at the next SLAW meeting.

**What are you Hearing?** The Pastoral Council is advisory and the members are liaisons to Fr. Aaron. Pastoral Council members are encouraged to bring in topics they are hearing from parish members. Topics mentioned were the appreciation of the Easter Season services and how the "Love One Another" funds would be distributed.

**Administrator's Report:**

- May crowning will be this Sunday, May 14, 202, after the 9 AM mass.
- Seventy-five children received First Communion during the past two weekends, April 29 and 30 and May 6 and 7.
- Jim Clauer, the Director of Liturgy and Music, started on Monday, May 1, 2023.
- Corpus Christi is June 11, 2023. A Eucharistic Procession through the neighborhood will be held after the 11 AM Mass, similar to last year.
- Precious Blood of Christ will be returning, but no date is set yet.
- The patronal feast of St. Mary will be held the weekend of 8/12 and 8/13.

**Closing Blessing:** The meeting closed with a blessing.

Submitted by: Patti Peters, Secretary