

**St. Mary Catholic Faith Community**  
**Pastoral Council Meeting**  
**November 12, 2018 - 6:30 pm**

**Meeting Minutes**

Present: Fr. Brian Mason, Clem Budny, Julie Behrman, Aaron Bieniek, Mary Beth Katorski, David Kreidler, Danielle Michaels, Jess Petre, Tim Reidy, Kyle Shimek, Fred Matestic, Jim Schubilske, Tom Fredrickson, Gina Steyer

Guests: Dan O'Connor and Mary Lange

Excused: Robert Gabor

Meeting started at 6:31

Opening Prayer

- Hope

Review and revision of [Minutes from October](#)

Pastoral Care Commission

- Mary Lange shared the Pastoral Care Mission and Initiatives (see handout). In addition to about 74 formal pastoral care ministers, there are countless behind the scenes ministers making a difference and focusing on 1:1 ministry. Education, formation, and mentoring of the pastoral care ministers is a focus with an emphasis on going deeper in prayer.
- Dan O'Connor connected the various ministries of Pastoral Care with the core values of the Parish. The continued challenge is that the harvest is plenty, but the laborers are few. We are trying to partner with our neighbors (Hales Corners Lutheran, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton) in order to extend our ministry and take advantage of their ministry.
- Fr. Brian shared that people tend to view Pastoral Care as taking communion to the homebound. However, it involves taking care of the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of all of our parishioners.

Ministry/Commission Updates

- Jess shared [Deanery Meeting notes](#). Tim mentioned that St. Mary is in a somewhat unique position of having a very positive outlook on the life of the parish. Many parishes have a lot of serious needs.
- Tom and David reported on SLAW. A need for ministers was discussed at the meeting (music, eucharistic ministers, lectors) as well as a discussion of the core values.

## Pastor's Report

- About 85 children will be receiving first Reconciliation on November 13 and 14. For the first time, it has been set up with a family component as part of the preparation.
- Thanksgiving mass and parish dinner are happening this year. All are welcome and all volunteer positions are full. What we need are more people to come and eat!
- On November 25, we are welcoming two new Candidates at the 9:00 mass.
- Mary Beth handed out a flyer for the December 2nd Advent Holy Hour.
- Alpha will be starting again Wednesday nights in January. Mary Beth emphasized the importance of the connections that are made with other participants.
- The Pastoral Council will participate in the Consultation on Council Topics put out by the Archdiocese.
- December 31, following the 4:00 mass until midnight will be a night of Eucharistic Adoration followed by Benediction in order to bring in the New Year.
- April 10 will be a day of Reconciliation where 12 hours of Confession will be offered for the Archdiocese and St. Mary will host for our cluster. This is part of the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese.
- Fr. Brian mentioned the ongoing discussion of taking on a Pastoral Associate.

## Chairperson Updates

- Jess mentioned continued efforts at organizing through Google Drive and those efforts will be continued.

## Formation

- The council shared how our efforts are going at praying with one another.
- Fr. Brian shared that the goal of the core values is to build a culture of Catholic disciples. We should be able to measure change as we engage in the core values.
- As a way to begin to make the core values visible to the Parish, Fr. Brian has created the 2019 Commitment to Pray for St. Mary Parish. Everyone is asked to pray the Amazing Parish prayer on a daily basis and also make a pledge to commit to pray for St. Mary in one of the ways indicated on the pledge sheet.
- Fr. Brian discussed the core value of Becoming Eucharist through a letter from Pope Francis emphasizing three attitudes that generate a Eucharistic culture: communion, service, and mercy. Like prayer, the Eucharist transforms us.
- Fr. Brian encouraged us to come back in January with questions about Praying, Becoming Eucharist, and Knowing and Sharing God.

Meeting concluded at 8:28 with the Amazing Parish Prayer and blessing.

Next scheduled meeting - January 7, 2019