

**St. Mary Catholic Faith Community
Pastoral Council Meeting
February 11, 2019 - 6:30 pm**

Meeting Minutes

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

Guests: Dan Hansen, Pam Lownik

Excused: Jim Schubilske

Meeting started at 6:30pm

Opening Prayer

Consent Agenda

- Approval of [Minutes from January](#)

Comments from Fr. Brian:

- Fr. Brian shared thoughts about his recent retreat. The Maryknoll Fathers Missionaries led the retreat with the idea of walking in the footsteps of martyrs from Central America.
- The council viewed a short film about Blessed Stanley Rother, an American Roman Catholic priest from Oklahoma who was murdered in Guatemala. Fr. Rother was the inspiration behind Fr. Brian making this retreat.

Soliciting Pastoral Council Feedback

- The members of council participated in a survey designed to give Fr. Brian feedback around how to most effectively communicate the parish vision to us and to the wider parish.

On-going Planning Discussion

- In 2015 St. Mary began to take a close look at what we are doing in terms of our mission. Two books: Rebuilt and Divine Renovation set the stage for thinking about moving from "maintenance to mission".
- Rich Curran consulted with the parish and helped us see that we do not know our parishioners as well as we think, not all demographics are equally served, and our communication has not always been clear enough. This work prompted the creation of our Core Values.
- The Core Values provide the way forward in accomplishing our (co)mission of making disciples of Christ.
- Last October, Amazing Parish provided guidance in forming a leadership team that would not just be advisory, but actually share with Fr. Brian in leading the parish.
- The leadership team along with Fr. Brian have been invited to work with Parish Catalyst on specific goals and action plans centered around Dynamic Discipleship - designed to engage parishioners in the Core Values. The cohort we are involved with begins in April.

Preview of Parish Mission

- March 4th and 5th
 - A two evening screening of the movie The Shack with conversation to follow. The purpose is to expand our understanding and concept of God in order to better engage in our Core Values.

Service Opportunities to the wider Parish

- Fr. Brian invited us to consider one thing that each of us can do over the next four weeks to be more present to the parish.
- Next meeting Fr. Brian will ask us whether we accomplished what we considered doing.

Meeting concluded at 8:30 with a closing prayer and the Peace Prayer.

Next scheduled meeting - March 11, 2019