

St. Mary Catholic Faith Community
Pastoral Council Meeting
March 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, Danielle Michaels, Gina Styer

Guests: none

Excused: Fred Matestic, Jim Schubilske, Tom Fredrickson

Meeting started at 6:32pm

Opening Prayer

Consent Agenda

- Approval of [February Meeting Minutes](#)

Review Commission Reports

Comments from Fr. Brian:

- The Royal Affair this year was a really nice event where more than a third of the room were newcomers to the event. Gina Styer commented that as a first-timer herself she was very impressed and is looking forward to coming back next year.
- The Catholic Stewardship Appeal was presented at all liturgies last weekend. This coming weekend Zabrina Decker will be addressing the parish. This is a busy time of year in terms of diocesan appeals.
- Maria Schram was awarded the Principal Leadership Award from the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation.
- St. Mary was also recognized as distinguished by Project Lead the Way.

Parish Mission Feedback

- People seemed very comfortable and seemed to stay and enjoy visiting and chatting after the viewing. The spirit of the social time on Tuesday night was very positive.
- People responded very openly to the reflection questions that Fr. Brian posed each evening. A lot of great conversations were observed.
- Welcoming folks at the Bell Tower entrance was received very positively and created a very welcoming atmosphere.
- Many people commented that this was the best Mission they had attended here at St. Mary and felt it was a great way to enter into Lent.

Archdiocesan 175th Celebration

- Pray, Reconcile and Rejoice: 12 Hours of Reconciliation will happen at St. Mary Wednesday, April 10, 2019 (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.)
- 175 Alive Event: Pere Marquette Park Saturday, May 4, 2019. A procession to the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist will follow with an 11 a.m. celebration Mass.

Discipleship Consultation

- In February, 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.
- Fr. Brian has compiled the responses and will share some insights at April's meeting.

Participation in Triduum

- Holy Thursday (April 18) at 7:00 p.m. is an opportunity for Pastoral Council members to help with the washing of feet, or come forward to have their feet washed.

Service Opportunities to the Wider Parish

- In February, 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.
- Members shared about efforts to sit in different sections, attend different liturgies than usual, and make points of introducing ourselves to people that we don't know in order to learn some new names. We also made efforts to reach out to those people that we might always see and recognize but haven't ever engaged in conversation.

Prayer Partner Updates

- Mutual availability for meeting can be challenging but when partnerships do find time to get together and pray, the experience is rich and rewarding. Everyone's prayer experiences are different and add to each other's.

Parish Leader Update

- The Office of Worship Newsletter contains a monthly piece called Walk Through the Mass which is worth checking out.

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

Next scheduled meeting - April 8, 2019