

St. Mary Catholic Faith Community
Pastoral Council Meeting
November 12th, 2019 - 6:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

Present: Fr. Brian Mason, Clem Budny, Julie Behrman, Mary Beth Katorski, Danielle Michaels, David Kreidler, Aaron Bieniek, Thomas Bartnicki, Lisamarie Collins, Maureen Riemer, Deb Schenk, Robert Gabor

Guests: Pam Lownik, Jeff Kacala, Dan Hansen

Excused: Tammy DuBois, Jess Petre, Kyle Shimek

Meeting started at 6:30pm

Opening Prayer

Approval of [Minutes from October](#)

Review of Commission Reports

- Prayer and Worship Commission took and discussed feedback on the new Orders of Worship. The goal is to help as many people as possible participate in the liturgy. Also, volunteers are always needed for various ministries.
- School committee is exploring extra curricular opportunities for middle school students.

Parish Catalyst

- Parish Catalyst will be working with St. Mary in February with the goal of understanding the direction of our continued efforts.

Thanksgiving dinner and upcoming events

- Last year the Thanksgiving dinner served about 170 people. We are looking forward to another big turnout this year.
- Monseigneur Andre will have the homilies this weekend and speak about the current situation in Haiti and the relationship that we have had with Haiti over the past 20 years.
- The school annual appeal will be happening soon and helps support the educational efforts of the school.
- Advent start December 1st and on the second Sunday we will host an evening of prayer, music, Scripture, and reflection. The title of the event is Be Still and Know.
- The parish mission this year is February 24 and 25. This year's mission will be a follow up and extension to last year's exploration of The Shack.

Disciple Maker Index

- This online survey will help measure parishioner's engagement with the parish and with their own spirituality. This will happen during Lent and give the diocese (and parishes) insights into its members.

What are you hearing?

- The Son Burst ministry has been received very positively and will continue to be promoted.
- Many positive comments have been shared about the music ministry especially the Jammin' for Jesus group that periodically makes an appearance.

Healing our Church healingourchurch.org

- In the beginning of 2019 Renew International created Healing Our Church as a response to the sexual-abuse crisis.
- These faith sharing sessions have been used nationwide, although not yet in Wisconsin.
- St. Mary is considering participating in training and potentially hosting these sessions.
- The council spent time reflecting on the first session of the program.

Closing prayer

Meeting concluded at 8:45pm

Next scheduled meeting - January 14, 2020