

**St. Mary Catholic Faith Community
Pastoral Council Meeting
October 13th, 2020 - 6:30 pm**

Meeting Minutes

Present: Fr. Brian Mason, Mary Beth Katorski, Danielle Michaels, David Kreidler, Aaron Bieniek, Lisamarie Collins, Maureen Riemer, Clem Budney

Excused: Deb Schenk, Thomas Bartnicki, Kyle Shimek, Tammy DuBois

Meeting started at 6:30pm

Opening Prayer

Consent Agenda

Pastor's Comments

- We have had some positive Covid tests in both school students and formation classes.
- Teachers are providing materials so students can continue from quarantine.
- Preparation for Confirmation has a virtual option that candidates are taking advantage of.
- Parishioners have responded generously to our latest ask for support, and the Parish debt continues to decrease.
- We are continuing to roll with the changes, and discussions are underway about the Christmas season and how we can provide enough masses for everyone to attend.
- Confirmation liturgies were very well attended, around 200 people per liturgy.
- Anne VanDeusen will be leaving at the end of October and we are currently seeking a new hire.

New by-laws and appendix for Pastoral Councils

- Approved by Archbishop ListECKI in March
- Many things remain the same, and an audit will be done to decide what we might need to change.

Feedback on weekend Masses and procedures

- Dismissal from mass has been difficult to keep people distanced.
- Live Streaming masses will continue for the foreseeable future.

Discussion of Chapter 2 of Racial Justice and the Catholic Church

- *Brothers and Sisters to Us* was published in 1979 but remains largely unknown among Catholics
- Bishop Mark Seitz has written more recently on the issue of racism, in particular regarding the hispanic community.

Closing Prayer

Meeting ended at 7:55pm

Next Scheduled Meeting: November 10, 2020