

Pastoral Council Meeting

June 9, 2022

St. Mary Catholic Faith Community

Hales Corners, WI

Present: Fr. Aaron Laskiewicz, Lynn Czaplewski, Maureen Riemer, Deb Gonnella (video), Clem Budny, Mary Matestic, Jim Podewils, Deb Schenk, Andre Lesperance, David Fritz, Tom Fredrickson, Thomas Bartnicki, Mike Hamlin

Excused: Lisamarie Collins, Tammy DuBois

Absent:

**Opening Prayer:** Fr. Aaron led a Lectio Divina meditation

**Approval of November Minutes:** The minutes from May were approved.

**Finance Report**

The Fiscal Year for St. Mary's Parish ends on June 30, 2022, and the Parish will end this 2021-2022 Fiscal Year with no debt.

**Commission and Deanery Reports**

Deanery report:

No update.

School report:

Liked the concept of the Common Leadership meeting. However some people are on multiple committees and others were not certain of how the time commitment would be for them.

Pastoral Care report:

[Agenda, June 1, 2022.docx](#)

Green Cards were sent out in the May Statement letter inviting the homebound to respond. The Pastoral Care Team will be launching a card ministry reaching out to the homebound. The responses are starting to trickle in.

Starting on August 14, the Patronal Feast of the Assumption of Mary, prayer teams will be available after the 9:00 Mass to pray with people who would like individual prayer for their needs. For six months afterward, prayer teams after the 9:00 Sunday Mass will be available. Six months later we will assess how things are going.

On the first and third Wednesdays of the Month the intercessory prayer ministry meets after the 8: 15 Mass. The scope of their prayer is broad including the intentions of St. Mary parish.

**SLAW (Spiritual Life and Worship):**

No report

**Social Concerns:**

[Human Concerns Minutes-05-22.pdf](#)

The Racial Justice Committee met on June 8, 2022. It continues to find ways to help people understand better racism, racial justice as outlined by Catholic Social teaching, and white privilege. A trip to the Black Holocaust Museum in Milwaukee is planned for July 16, 2022.

Two professors from UWM ( Thomas Malaby PhD, and Jill Budny PhD) are writing a curriculum and leading a course for interested folks to study Racial Justice. The five Monday evenings for these sessions start on June 20 in the evening. The class is limited to 8 people.

In March, 13 people attended a Book Study on racism reading the book, “How the Word is Past” by Clint Smith. In the Autumn, a JustFatih series on Racial Justice is planned beginning in September.

**Synodal Church**

<https://www.archmil.org/About-us/Synod/Synodality/Participation.htm>

October 10, 2021, Pope Francis convened a universal synod called “For the Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission”. He asked to hear from everyone around the world within a two year period of time. Through listening and dialogue sessions within each diocese, Pope Francis hopes to discover the dreams and visions of the people in order to seek the Holy Spirit so that the Church might flourish in the future. The Synod will end with an International gathering in Rome of all Bishops in August of 2023.

The USCCB is gathering information from the US dioceses and compiling it and looking for trends and themes. Our Archdiocese is looking for responses from Feb-June 2022.

After all is said and done, Pope Francis will write an apostolic exhortation in order to shed light on what is discussed in the Synod from what was gleaned from the people.

Fr. Aaron and Jeff Kacala will discern together what the next step might be for St. Mary in terms of gathering information for the Synod.

**Staff Positions**

- Posting for a new director of music and liturgy.
- Pam Lownik's last day is the end of June, there will be a farewell on the weekend of the 25/26th.
- Lisa Fox retired on June 3, 2020. The new Parish Administrator is Janice Treutelaar. She comes with a strong background in Administration, has a law degree, and a joyful, welcoming spirit.

### **Administrator's Report**

- Playground Sundays will begin after the playground construction is completed
- Polish Fest is this weekend, Father invites everyone to join him and his mom at this festival. Mass is at 10:15
- There will be a confirmation on the weekend of the 18/19th.
- June 26th there will be a Corpus Christi Procession after the 11am mass
- Capital Campaign - we are in phase 2. We are looking to raise \$2.7M which will be a 60/40 split with the ArchDiocese
- For the Solemnity of the Assumption there will be a celebration
- School Graduations and First Communion were a great success

### **Pastoral Council**

- This is the last meeting of the year
- Deb Schenk announced that she and her husband, Steve, are retiring to Merida, Mexico on the Yucatan Peninsula. They are buying a house there and will be leaving in August. They will keep their membership at St. Mary.
- Tom Bartnicki, Maureen Riemer, & Lisamarie Collins tenures on the Pastoral Council are up but they will discern if they will continue or leave
- Father thanked everyone for their work on the Pastoral Council

The meeting closed with a Blessing.

Submitted by: Deb Gonnella..