

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2022

St. Mary Catholic Faith Community

Hales Corners, WI

Present: Fr. Aaron Laskiewicz, Dn. Oliver Omega, Jim Podewils, Maureen Riemer, Patti Peters, Lynn Czaplewski, Tom Fredrickson, David Fritz, Deb Gonnella, Mike Hamlin, Andre Lesperance, Mary Matestic, Janet Miller, Steven Rice,

Excused: Tammy DuBois

Absent: Clem Budny

Opening Prayer: Fr. Aaron led an Intentional Prayer.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the October 13, 2022 meeting were approved.
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Commission Reports:

● **Social Concerns**

- Haiti Fundraiser was held
- \$1,200 was collected for Women's Support Group
- The Coat Drive was a success
- Thanksgiving Food Drive will be held

● **Pastoral Care**

- Mass of Healing of Hope was held
- Mass of Remembrance was held
- Looking for more Communion Ministers to visit parishioners' homes
- Christmas letters will be written to the homebound
- An Intercessory Prayer will be held for "Be Still and Know"
- A second team will be formed to help with the Intercessory Prayer after the 9 AM mass

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● **Finance**

- Parish is in good financial shape. We are struggling with asking parishioners to contribute to the capital campaign while maintaining their regular giving.

Playground Saturday: The November 5th event was canceled because of weather. The next event will be scheduled in Spring.

Parish Book Study Update: Study groups are forming. Jeff Kacala is getting widespread feedback. A listening session will be held in January.

The Chosen: The Chosen was a major success. Forty to fifty people attended each of the eight sessions. The Chosen's Christmas special will be shown in early December.

Administrator's Report:

- The Parish is exploring the hiring of an Associate Pastor.
- The Love One Another campaign is at 68% of our goal, with 3% of participation. There will be in-pew weekends before the end of the year to encourage participation.
- The Director of Liturgy and Music position has been reposted.
- Advent is starting on November 27th.
- Immaculate Conception, December 8th, is a holy day of obligation. Mass will be held at 8:15 AM, 12:10 PM and 7 PM.
- Parish Staff enjoyed a day away from the office on a boat trip on Lake Geneva on October 19th. A Lenten Spiritual Day will be planned for March, 2023.
- Be Still and Know will be held on December 11, 2022 at 4 PM.
- Christmas Eve mass will be held at 4 PM, 6 PM and 10:30 PM. Christmas Day mass will be held at 8 AM and 10:30 AM. A family will bring up baby Jesus at each mass. Silent Night will be sung after each mass with the lights dimmed.
- New Year's Eve Mass will be at 4 PM, and is anticipatory for Sunday. Sunday, New Year's Day will have our usual Sunday Mass Schedule, 7:15 AM, 9 AM and 11 AM.

Blessing: The meeting closed with a blessing.

Submitted by:

Patti Peters, Secretary