

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2023

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, Mary Matestic, Janet Miller, Clem Budney

Excused: Tammy DuBois, Deb Gonella, Mike Hamlin, Andre Lesperance

Absent: Steven Rice

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

Approval of Minutes: The Pastoral Council Minutes from January 12, 2023 were approved.
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Commission Reports:

- **Finance**

- St. Mary's is currently running an \$80,000 deficit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. The parish will not take an \$80,000 draw from the endowment fund this year. If needed, the parish will dip into the reserves to meet any deficits. The Finance Council is working on next year's budget. St. Mary's 60% share of the funds from The Love One Another campaign, which will be received over the next five years, can only be used for capital improvements, i.e. repairs to the church or school, not for day to day operations.

- **Pastoral Care**

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- Pastoral Care training is being offered on February 18, 2023. More individuals are requesting visits so the need for more ministers is growing
- Intercessory prayer is offered on the first and third Wednesday of the month and after the 9 AM mass on the first Sunday of the month
- Mary Matestic will lead a Women's Retreat at the Sienna Center on the weekend of October 20 through 22, 2023.

- **SLAW**

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- The Sunday 7:15 AM mass will be returned to its 7:30 AM start time on February 26, 2023, the first Sunday of Lent
- Ash Distributors are needed
- Be Still and Know will be held on March 5, 2023 at 4 PM
- Lenten Evening Prayer will be held each Sunday at 4 PM with Deacon Bill and Deacon Oliver, with the exception of March 5th
- Stations of the Cross will be held at 6:30 PM on Friday during Lent
- Palms and Easter candles have been ordered

- **Social Concerns**

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- Recents fundraisers have been successful
- Lenten Outreach will not start until the second Sunday of Lent and will include Repairers of the Breach, Nia Imani, Pathfinders, Women's Support Center and St. Vincent de Paul.
- Parish Blood Drive will not be held, but an article about donating blood will be featured in an upcoming bulletin
- The Knights of Columbus will hold a Hospitality Weekend, with coffee and donuts in April, 2023
 - Racial Justice
 - [Racial Justice Minutes 011723.docx](#)
 - Road to Damascus will be held on Saturday, March 25,2023 from 9 AM to 12:30 PM

Commission Bylaws / Manuals:

Fr. Aaron distributed copies of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Parish Commissions and Committees. Council members were encouraged to review the Bylaws to confirm St. Mary is adhering to the guidelines.

Director of Liturgy and Music:

Three candidates are being interviewed, two out-of-town, and one local.

Pallium Lecture:

Monsignor James P. Shea will be speaking at the Brookfield Conference Center on Fat Tuesday, February 21, 2023. Fr. Aaron recommends the presentation.

Welcoming Committee:

Maureen Reimer is focusing on creating a method to specially welcome new parish members and connect them with parishioners and committees that could be of interest to them. It is thought that a parish member could be assigned to a new parish family and guide them through the volunteer opportunities and committees that could be of interest to them. At a Hospitality Sunday, the new family would be welcomed and connected with parish members. This initiative will integrate with Playground Sundays. A hospitality Sunday is being planned for February 18 and 19, 2023.

Administrator's Report:

- The Discipleship Commission will be up and running by Pentecost.
- Fr. Aaron attended the Dallas Conference, "Priests for an Apolistic Age." He summarized the conference by stating that fifty years ago the church was the hub of the community. The Apolistic Age and the Eucharistic Revival is the shift going forward, where Jesus is the center of Our Lives and people are empowered to become disciples of Christ.

Closing Blessing: The meeting closed with a blessing.

Submitted by: Patti Peters, Secretary