

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2023

St. Mary Catholic Faith Community

Hales Corners, WI

Present: Fr. Aaron Laskiewicz, Jim Podewils, Maureen Riemer, Patti Peters, Tom Fredrickson, David Fritz, Deb Gonella, Mike Hamlin, Andre Lesperance, Janet Miller, Steven Rice

Excused: Lynn Czaplewski, Mary Matestic, Clem Budney, Tammy DuBois

Opening Prayer: Fr. Aaron led a prayer meditation.

Approval of Minutes: The Pastoral Council Minutes from February 9, 2023 were approved.
[Pastoral Council Minutes 020923.docx](#)

Commission Reports:

- **Deanery**
 - At the last Deanery Meeting, the Archdiocese asked for feedback. Council members were requested to forward any feedback to Jim Podewils.
 - Feedback provided during the meeting is that the Parish Commission and Committees Manual is well-done.
- **Finance**
 - Covered assumptions for next years' budget.
- **Pastoral Care**
[Pastoral Care Minutes 03012023.docx](#)
 - Knights of Columbus will donate the funds to purchase a Care Notes Rack.
 - Upstairs library will be dismantled.

Discipleship Commission Update:

Jeff Kacala has reached out to individuals to serve on the Commission. Anticipated launch is Pentecost Sunday. Formation and Stewardship committees will be under this commission, and it will oversee a Vocation committee.

Commission Bylaws / Manuals:

Discussion centered around potentially formalizing some of the parish's Commission and Committee efforts.

Pallium Lecture Review:

About 40 parishioners from St. Mary attended the Pallium Lecture on February 21, 2023.

Administrator's Report:

- Lent activities include:

- 4 pm Sunday prayer service and 6:30 PM Friday Stations of the Cross
- Holy Thursday mass will begin at 7 pm and the church will remain open until midnight for adoration; a prayer service will be held at 10 pm
- Good Friday commemoration will begin at 1 pm and the church will remain open until 5 pm
- Easter Vigil will be held at 8 pm on Holy Saturday. Two Baptized Christian candidates will be received into full Communion with the Catholic Church. They will receive the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.
- Food blessing will take place on Saturday at 3 pm
- Easter Sunday masses will be held at 7 am, 9 am, and 11 am
- Archbishop has granted dispensation to eat meat on Friday, March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, but another penance is suggested
- 6 pm Saturday, March 11th, is the Royal Affair
- Eucharistic Revival is underway. Fr. John LoCoco will give a presentation in October, 2023 at St. Mary on the Eucharist.

Closing Blessing: The meeting closed with a blessing.

Submitted by: Patti Peters, Secretary