

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2024
St. Mary Catholic Faith Community
Hales Corners, WI

Present: Fr. Aaron Laskiewicz, Jim Podewils, Maureen Riemer, Patti Peters, Elisabeth Chojnacki, Lynn Czaplewski, Mike Hamlin, Pam Lownik, Mary Matestic, Janet Miller, Steven Rice, Clem Budny

Excused: Mel Hendrickson, Tammy DuBois

Absent: David Fritz

Opening Prayer: Fr. Aaron led an opening prayer.

Approval of Pastoral Council Minutes: The [Pastoral Council Minutes 03/14/24](#) were approved.

Liaison Reports:

Deanery: [Deanery Minutes 04/24/24](#)

- Parish website is important for growing the parish community
- Archdiocese has resources available to parishes and schools to support communications and marketing

Discipleship: [Discipleship Minutes 04/18/24](#)

- Focusing on a survey to be sent out on Pentecost Sunday to become a more invitational church

Finance:

- Budget proposal was approved and submitted to the Archdiocese

Human Concerns: [Human Concerns Minutes 03/19/24](#)

- Hospitality weekend was a great way to inform parishioners about the work being completed by this commission and its committees

Pastoral Care: [Pastoral Care 04/17/24](#)

- Hospitality weekend will be October 26 and 27, 2024
- Mass of Remembrance will be held Sunday, November 2, 2024

School: [School Minutes 03/12/24](#)

- School is moving from MAPS testing to Wisconsin Forward Exams administered from 3rd through 8th grade

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- We are lacking communion ministers at all masses
- We need videographers to record the mass

- Hospitality weekend will be August 17 and 18

Principal Search Update:

- St. Mary has received over 12 applicants and the Selection Committee is still interviewing
- Milwaukee Archdiocese also reviews the candidates

Seminarian Update for Fall:

- Deacon Randy Recker has returned to Florida
- It is unknown if we will get a Deacon preaching assignment in the fall
- Deacon Fernando Diaz is a field commitment and will return in the fall for a second semester

Hospitality Weekend Update:

- Pastoral Council will have a playground hospitality weekend on June 22 and 23, 2024

Discernment:

- Pastoral Council members should reach out to Jim Podewils if they are able to work on the Discernment Committee

Pastor's Report:

- The May crowning will be held after the 9 AM mass on Sunday, May 12, 2024
- A communion service was held in place of mass last Sunday at 7:30 AM
- May 31st is graduation from St. Mary school
- Corpus Christi procession will be after the 11 AM mass on Sunday, June 2, 2024. It is also the first weekend the tabernacle will be in the sanctuary
- Stuart Lesar made a platform for the tabernacle
- June 7, 2024 is the last day of school
- Fr. Aaron will be traveling on the Eastern European Pilgrimage from June 3 to 14, 2024 with 36 people going
- First Communions were a success
- St. Mary is one of the stops on the nationwide Eucharistic Revival on Monday June 24, 2024
- Next Pastoral Council meeting will be held on June 20, 2024

What are you Hearing?

- Questions were received about how a few young individuals received their baptism, communion and confirmation at one time. Communication will go out to help explain how they were done at once and how the individuals qualified to receive all three sacraments because they were the age of reason
- Earlier announcements about May crowning, Deacon Randy leaving, first Communions and the Tootsie roll sales, and other upcoming liturgical events would be appreciated.

Blessing: The meeting closed with a blessing.

Submitted by: Patti Peters, Secretary