

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2024
St. Mary Catholic Faith Community
Hales Corners, WI

Present: Fr. Aaron Laskiewicz, Maureen Riemer, Caroline Schachtlie, Elisabeth Chojnacki, Brenda White, David Fritz, Gilbert Frenn, Joe Plassmeyer, Pilar Azmani, Janet Miller, Steven Rice, Clem Budney, Mel Hendrickson, Jim Podweils

Excused: Tammy DuBois

Opening Prayer: Fr Aaron led a Scriptural Rosary, the Luminous Mysteries

Approval of Pastoral Council Minutes: The Pastoral Council Minutes [Pastoral Council 09-12-24 Final.pdf](#) were approved.

Liaison Reports:

Deanery:

- Next meeting 10/23/24, 6:30pm at St. Gregs

Discipleship:

- Will be sending out Christmas postcards to the community with an invitation to attend Christmas mass.
- A Christmas book will be given away at all Christmas masses
- Developing the Called and Gifted program

Finance:

- The Finance team has balanced the budget and sent it to the parish
- Looking to bring on two new members

Human Concerns:

- Hope and Healing mass 10/15/24 @ 6pm
- Preparations are underway for Circle of Love; announcement made in the bulletin
- Next HC meeting will be Jan 8, 2025

Pastoral Care: [Pastoral Care 10-06-24 Final.pdf](#)

- 11/2/24 - Mass of Remembrance
- 11/8/24 - Be Still & Know Me

School:

- Next meeting will be 10/15/24

SLAW: [SLAW Minutes 09-24-24 Final.pdf](#)

- Hospitality Sunday went well
- Investigating Postcards and ads on the Radio

Called and Gifted:

- Jeff Kacala presented information regarding the program “Called and Gifted” ● This program was developed by the Catherine of Sienna Institute to promote evangelization for the advancement of the church for God
- It is a discernment process used to identify “Charisms” or “Gifts from God”
- Two day program: Workshop, Interview and Small Group
- Looking for 4-6 people to run the program
- Funded by Love One Another campaign
- Will take 12 - 18 months to implement here at St. Mary

Picture & Bio Reminder:

- Contact Anne Whyckelent at whyckelenta@stmaryhc.org to turn in your bio for the parish website

Deacon Bill Goulding:

- Has been with St. Mary 22 years
- Will be starting a new position with Our Lady of Lourdes parish on 11/1/24 ● Notification will be sent via Flock Note, Facebook, Bulletin and at the 10/19 & 10/20 weekend masses
- Deacon Bill will preach at all masses Nov 17th
- Hospitality will be provided by Pastoral Council on 11/17
- - details to be discussed at next PC meeting 11/7/24

Associate Pastor:

- Will not be newly ordained
- More info to come in winter/spring

Vision & Strategy:

- Developing “Called & Gifted” program
- Continuing the Consultant search

Pastor Report:

- Pet blessing went very well
- Magnify will resume in January due to the holidays
- Team building at Holy Hill
- 10/16/24 - Mandatory Fun Day at the Zoo with Pastoral & School staff ● Halloween - Costumes should reflect the meaning behind the celebration, our catholic roots ● Hospitality Sunday - Commissions sign up for 2025 calendar year

What are you hearing:

- Confirmation prep was great and the mass was “awesome”, per Daniella Riemer ● Where did all these kids for confirmation come from, they are not all coming to mass? ● 80/90 yr olds are requesting a phone call from the parish to see how they are doing ● Have a “kids message” at mass or have a “kids mass” once in a while

Blessing: The meeting closed with a blessing

Submitted by: Caroline Schachtlie, Pastoral Council Secretary