

St Mary Parish

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Date: October 8, 2024

Attendees

John Nygaard	P	Andy Bley	A
Brandon Kirchoff	P	Tracy Seymor	P
Tim Pomroy	P	Chris Bruns	A
Joe Goetter	P	Jim Gremminger	P
Monika Wiese	P	Caroline Stelpflug	P
Dave Pittman	P	Monsignor Schecterle	P
		Father Linn	A

Agenda

- Liaison Updates
- Replacement PC member
- Voice of Pew
- Comments from Pastor

Notes

Liaisons

- School Committee – Dave
 - No update
 - Monsignor to confirm AnneMarie and Erika will be at November meeting.
- Human Concerns - Monika
 - Increase in requests for SVDP
 - Very good turnout for Senior Social (70 people)
 - Planning for 26 turkeys for Feastible
 - Preparing Ministry Guides for Feb/March timeframe
- Finance – Caroline & Brandon
 - Giving is up, but still not at budget.
 - School has completed the Assessment for the School Choice program

Council

- Discussion about replacement member for PC
 - Monsignor has the previous list of names that was identified
 - No additional names identified
 - Monsignor will review the list and select names to contact.

St Mary Parish Mission Statement

Love God above all else.

Love neighbor as self.

Voice of Pew

- Monsignor asked for feedback on continuing the sanctuary improvements
 - The proposed next step would be to finalize the communion stations.
 - We would replace the existing kneelers with a permanent rail and kneeler pad on the bottom step.
 - There would be a section on each side of the main sanctuary, as well as a section for each wing.
 - The rail would match the décor of the woodwork and existing furniture on the altar.
 - PC confirmed that Monsignor should take the next step to have a contractor complete the design and provide a quote.
- Monika brought up a concern about the bathrooms, particularly the east wing bathroom.
 - There was discussion about how important bathrooms are to the overall impression of the parish for both visitors and regular parishioners.
 - We agreed that this bathroom has not been updated for many years.
 - PC agreed that Monsignor should bring this project to the Buildings and Grounds team for their input.
- It was mentioned that it can be difficult to hear the deacons. Specifically, the lapel mic, no deacon in particular. Monsignor will ask the deacons to project their voices.

Pastor Comments

- Monsignor presented the YTD results (through Sept) for the Archdiocesan Appeal
 - We have raised 64% of our 2024 goal at the halfway point
 - We have 17% participation rate against a target of 15%

Other Comments

- No other comments