

**ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH  
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES  
October 17, 2024**

The Parish Pastoral council meeting was called to order at 6:00PM in the CCC. Members present were Mary Bailey, Bear Wadzinski, Pete Pintens, Mary Luedke, Sandy Bishop, Michele Wingate and Fr. Aloysius. Members absent: Tom Oscar, Jeff Walker and Doug Duchac. Others present: Juanita Skubal, Patti Baacke and Laura Reiter.

Fr. Aloysius began the meeting with a prayer.

The Mission Statement was read.

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Bear made a motion to approve the minutes, Pete seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the minutes were approved.

Staff reports: The staff reports were reviewed and are attached. Comments on the reports are:

1. Pete asked Juanita about Vocation Awareness week. Juanita said that it is a religious vocation week.
2. Patti talked about the Respect Life Committee: The group promoted October as Respect Life month. November is Hospice and Palliative Care month. The ACT group was interested in the committee and would like to help with diaper drives. The committee is also looking into alternative funding sources like grants to make the group self-sustaining. Patti talked of the April baby shower event held with Lincoln County. She is thinking of adding a baptism table and a table with info on our school.

Old Business:

1. Discipleship & Evangelization:
  - a. Small groups update:
    - i. Service Group: The group will hold its raking event on Saturday. There were only two requests for raking.
    - ii. Welcome Back Hospitality: This group is getting a core team established with goals. They have a lot of ideas, and once they narrow their focus, they will meet with Fr. Aloysius to see if their group can tie into his family apostolate concept.
    - iii. Discussion Group: Jan was not present, but her Discussion Group that is using Dick Huseby's book had a good first meeting and another is set for November.
    - iv. Groups still in the planning stage: Young Adult, Rosary, and Cribbage. It was also brought up that there seems to be a need for a group that does nursing home visits, maybe through the Respect Life committee.
  - b. Permanent 6-8 member discipleship team: Fr. Aloysius discussed how the Diocese wants each parish to have an Evangelization leadership team. This team needs to meet together at the parish level and also at the cluster level. Fr. Aloysius will reach out to current members along with some other people to solidify the team. They will meet to discuss what the team's responsibilities are. Each parish will have their own team, cluster meetings will be occasional
2. Adding an adoration date--will add First Saturday starting in 2025 and possibly a time with music on a weeknight. No discussion on this for now.
3. Summary of School Survey Results: Juanita reported that about 65 surveys were turned

in, most were positive. She said the idea of portable classrooms is too expensive. The middle school can use the current computer lab and library for classrooms. Juanita will find out the cost of virtual school for 6th-8th grade reading, math, and social studies. Music, science, art, and gym could be provided by our school. Juanita will talk with Mr. Quesinberry about the students participating in sports. Juanita stressed that we have a good relationship with the public school and are not looking to take their students, but we are only looking to start a middle school to give an option to students, especially if they are already home schooled. Once Juanita has all the logistical and financial data, she will prepare a proposal that will go to the diocese for approval.

4. FORMED subscription: Laura reported that after she sent out an email, 4 people expressed interest in donating to FORMED. One generous family said that they would donate the balance needed to keep the program running.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Other Business:

There was no other business.

Michele led the closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

There is a change in the schedule. The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 14 at 6:00PM** in the CCC. Mary Luedke will lead the closing prayer.

Minutes submitted by Laura Reiter