

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 20, 2021

In Attendance: Fr. Matt Marshall; Julie Steiner; Brenda Corr; Jenny Leum; Cole Hewitt;
Joyce Humfeld; Dan Kiedinger
Absent: Brent Nedland; Lila Cina; Tony Shay; Don Wagner; Matt Tubbin

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm with Dan Kiedinger leading the opening prayer.

Minutes from the March 18 council meeting were formally approved with no corrections.

OLD BUSINESS

Fr. Matt told the council both the Liturgy (Sacred Worship) and Religious Education Committees are still forming. Plans are for these committees to start assembling sometime this summer. Fr. Matt plans to run the same religious education program that has occurred in years prior to the pandemic.

Fr. Matt reported that there are still a few individual Confirmations and 1st Communions to be held.

Volunteer job description samples are creeping along. Fr. Matt would like these descriptions as guidelines and boundaries for those parishioners who are voluntarily leading various ministries in the parish.

NEW BUSINESS

Fr. Matt presented the council with a letter from Bishop Callahan regarding Covid guidelines for the public celebration of masses effective May 18, 2021. A link to this information will be provided in the church bulletin. Fr. Matt will also provide his recommendations for St. Mary's pertaining to face coverings, physical distancing, holy water fonts, monetary collections, the choir's return, and large gatherings.

Fr. Matt said he is realizing he needs to involve others again to help him with sacramental preparation; care for those in need (homebound, the poor, jail inmates, etc.) Other areas for cooperation and delegation include preparations for Sunday mass and pastoral council/parish connection.

Fr. Matt asked the council for its thoughts on the use of the rectory by his family. His mother's medical condition may require that he share in future duties of caring for her. The council indicated its support.

Joyce Humfeld, President of the PCCW, said she will be scheduling a PCCW meeting in early June. Plans currently are to host the Fall Dinner again in October 2021.

Cole Hewitt asked when the bishop plans on reinstating the Sunday mass obligation. Fr. Matt said he has heard that a tentative June 11, 2021 date is under consideration.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm with a closing prayer led by Fr. Matt.

Next meeting will be Thursday, July 15 at 6:00 pm in Marian Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Steiner