

ABVM Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2022, 5:00 PM

Present: Cathy Poshepny, Dennis Vinger, Phyllis Krause, Joyce Humfeld, Pat Peterson, Dcn. Tony Shay, Bob Dickman (FiCon), Parker Moore, Kris Brueggen, Fr. Joe Richards

1) Opening Prayer led by Fr. Joe

2) Old Business

- a. Minutes from August 6 were reviewed & approved
- b. Assumption Mass recap: A successful first big-non-Sunday-liturgy, not obligatory this year.
- c. Adoration & Confession schedule: The current adoration schedule (Wednesdays after 6:30 Mass) and confession schedule (Wednesdays after 6:30 Mass and 45 minutes before each weekend liturgy) are both operational, with confession numbers increasing.
- d. Celiac chalice/low gluten hosts: Low gluten host usage is low; weekend and weekday chalice for parishioners with Celiac disease is in place; procedure is for affected parishioners to arrange it directly before Mass with the celebrant.
- e. First round of liturgical minister orientations: The first lector and extraordinary minister workshops have been completed with good attendance and procedural consensus built. Beth & Fr. Joe need to assess the date for the upcoming server workshop (September 18).
- f. Religious Education: Catechists have gathered to prepare for religious education, texts have arrived, and the program begins the first weekend in October.

3) New Business

- a. Homebound Ministry: Council members shared some history on pre-COVID procedures and ministers. There is a double need: first, to onboard new ministers; second, to update our homebound & nursing-homebound roster (considered together as "homebound parishioners"). The council recommends contacting the Aging and Disability Resource Center concerning their monthly newsletter, communicating it via the Mass stream, considering the possibility of sharing funeral luncheon meals with homebound parishioners, contacting Bethel Home & Services. Past ministers have included Al & Tammy Mislevic, Carol & David Hall, Marlene Norman, & Sally Lund. Phyllis Krause will take the initiative, with pastoral support.
- b. Parish Directory: The possibility of completing pictures by December was raised. Kris Brueggen and Pat Peterson will coordinate.

- c. Upcoming “Big Days”: The Council discussed upcoming Holy Days of Obligation & All Souls’ Day. The schedule stands:
 - i. All Saints Day: October 31 Vigil Mass at 6:30 PM (Viroqua), November 1 Masses at 8:00 AM (Viroqua) and 6:30 PM (Coon Valley)
 - ii. All Souls’ Day: All November 2, 8:00 AM (Coon Valley) 11:00 AM & 6:30 PM (both in Viroqua)
 - 1. A luncheon will follow the 11:00 Mass, and this will be the Mass to which we invite family members of parishioners who have died over the last year. The Council recommends consulting Marlene Norman concerning past procedures, Judy Neuerburg concerning leadership, Linda Wagner concerning family names. Joyce Humfeld is contacting the PCCW circle chair.
 - 2. Beth & Fr. Joe will coordinate liturgies, including possible reading of names, candle lighting, etc.
 - iii. Immaculate Conception: December 7 Vigil Mass at 6:30 PM (Viroqua), December 8 Masses at 8:00 AM (Coon Valley) and 12:10 (Viroqua)
 - iv. Christmas: Ordinary weekend schedule with one supplemental Vigil Mass, time TBD
 - v. Mary, Mother of God: Ordinary weekend schedule without amendment
 - d. Parish security plan: Bringing forward a tabled agenda item from August’s meeting, the Council discussed study and implementation of a parish security plan. Parker Moore will contact the sheriff and/or police department to coordinate.
- 4) Next Meeting Date: October 26 at 5:00 PM
- 5) Closing Prayer led by Dcn. Tony