

ABVM Pastoral Council Agenda

May 15, 2024

Opening Prayer

Present: Dennis, Joyce, Pat, Kris, Melanie, Phyllis, Parker

Old Business

- Spring Barbecue, May 5: We put on the barbecue in early May to celebrate First Communion and Confirmations. We had some concerns about potential schedule competition in May, but didn't see a tangible impact. No numbers were recorded, but Marian Hall was well filled at peak. Failure to get it in the bulletin earlier impacted logistic preparation for folks. Well received event.
- Easter Brunch: Following the Christmas brunch success, the Easter Brunch was similarly well received. Roughly 65+ folks attended; 6-8 of whom attended without RSVPing (good info), and with people leaving gaps in tables here and there – good to add in an extra table or two.
- Sacraments of Initiation
 - First Communions: Chelsea Nedland & Bridget Goodwin leading 5 Viroqua and 2 Coon Valley kids through month and a half prep, main event on May 5. Next year they are looking at adding in another few weeks to the prep, possibly spreading it over a broader window.
 - Confirmations: Brenda Corr & Pat Obernberger leading 10 Viroqua and 1 Coon Valley kid through prep, main event on May 2 here with the Bishop. The reception was lightly attended by the full house of Massgoers after the two-hour liturgy. Next Confirmation hosted here will likely be 2026.
- Steering Committee & Interior Work: Jacinta and Franz are presenting for fifteen minutes after Masses this weekend, with hospitality in the gathering space after for Q&A.

New Business

- Staffing updates for the 2024-25 fiscal year
 - Director of Music and Liturgy: The Finance Council has decided to restructure this position from salaried to hourly.
 - Coordinator of Ongoing Formation: We are introducing a ten-hour/week position to coordinate religious education programs and run logistics for ongoing adult formation. Pat Obernberger has accepted the position.
 - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Teacher: We are introducing a new element in our Religious Education curriculum, a Montessori-styled education starting with a 3-5 Year Old Level One. Carly Zadow has accepted the position and will be training at Mary Mother of the Church this summer.

Next Meeting: July 5, 4:00

Closing Prayer