

**JOINT CLUSTER- PASTORAL COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, March 27, 2023 7:00 PM at Divine Savior: Holy Cross**

Bill Johannes called the joint leadership meeting to order at 7:02 pm at Divine Savior-Holy Cross. Opening Prayer was also led by Bill.

**Present:**

**OLL:** Peter Bemis, Jacob Birenbaum, Natalie Brochtrup, Chad Keller, Rich Schwab, Antonette Zellmer, Bonnie Steffen, Marilyn Sabec, Bryan Bichler, Deb Hamm

**DS:** Bob Bichler, Barb Duenk, Bill Johannes, Mary Navis, Lora Schroeder, Jennifer Thill, ~~Scott Haney, Joyce Buechler~~

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** Bill shared in Lynn's absence

- April 18 Leadership Retreat – please check your email for your formal invitation and RSVP.
- Great to have fish fries back in person.

**PARISH DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Deb Hamm:

- On March 9<sup>th</sup> some leaders met
  - For the next 3-4 years we will work under the same model
  - Deb received a compliment about how spirit filled and welcoming our mass is to newcomers
- The Parish applied for a grant -Year of Eucharistic Revival
  - We were granted \$9,000 which covers the cost of a 2 year of online platform, books and speakers
  - Formed in Faith Fed by the Eucharist
  - *Biblical Roots of the Mass*- is the book that will be used with committees
    - Will order 200 copies to be shared and reshared throughout the cluster
- June 10 – Saturday – Eucharistic procession in Milwaukee
  - Looking for representation from our cluster
- Tuesday, April 4 @5:30 pm - Holy Week can receive sacramental oils for our parish
  - All oil is blessed for all parishes
- We have four new members being confirmed in the church
- We have permission to begin preparation to bring wine back to mass
  - Archbishop sent a letter
  - Need enough ministers that are comfortable with distribution
  - Just a reminder to refrain from wine if you are sick
  - Looking to begin during Eucharistic revival – Corpus Christi weekend

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Parish Directory- Mary- holding off until Fall.
2. Lenten Soup Series

- a. Thank you Mary and Natalie who were on the committee for planning
- b. Suggestion for next year is to offer soup flights so people can try a few different kinds of soup
- c. 2<sup>nd</sup> week attendance dropped
  - i. Some came to mass but did not come to the presentation
- d. Was nice having it at OLL
- e. Encouraged that Father Steve was willing to talk
  - i. Deacon Malueg offered to talk if he's feeling well
- 3. Men of Christ- Blessed Trinity- good turnout
  - a. Numbers from Divine Savior and OLL were higher

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Eucharistic Revival update- Deb
  - a. There is a book *From Christendom to Apostolic Mission: Pastoral Strategies for an Apostolic Age* by Monsignor James P. Shea
- 2. Pray, Reconcile and Rejoice- Wednesday, March 29, 2023, will be a day with 12 hours of Reconciliation. 17 host parishes will offer reconciliation throughout the day. There will be a cluster Reconciliation opportunity on 3/28/23 at 5:30 PM at the OLL site. More information can be found at [www.archmil.org/Parishes/Event-Calendar/12-Hours-Reconciliation.htm](http://www.archmil.org/Parishes/Event-Calendar/12-Hours-Reconciliation.htm)
- 3. Deanery meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - a. Questions for the Archbishop
  - b. Some type of accomplishment that your parish has done
    - a. Increase in young families attending
  - c. Share your questions with Bill or Pete as they are attending

**Next meeting:** May 22, 2023 at 7:00 pm at OLL-St. Mary's

**A motion was made by Peter Bemis and seconded by Bryan Bichler to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 pm.**

**Voice vote: all aye.**

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Duenk  
Divine Savior Pastoral Council Secretary