

Dear Parish Members,

We have concluded our three “Mass, Meet and Eat” consultation Meetings. Our goal was to share updated financial information, and to provide a brief explanation of what a Parish Merger would involve for our communities.

We had a total of 330 participants in the three meetings. There were a few additional staff members and volunteers. They were only counted once as some were at more than one meeting.

We would like to thank all those who attended and those who helped provide the food and hospitality at each site. We believe that we accomplished what we set out to do. When the meetings concluded, we asked a very simple question of each participant, “Will you support the merger process in our parish communities, yes or no”. There were 279 responses from the meetings. 270 responses were “YES” and 9 were “NO”.

To date, we also received 80 responses via the monthly stewardship letter last month. Those totals were 46 “YES” and 34 “NO”. That gives us a total of 359 responses to date. The yes votes are at 88.02% of the total and the no votes are at 11.98% of the total.

At this point, using these results, the Tri-Parish Pastoral Council will proceed to the next step. That step is to ask Archbishop ListECKI for permission to begin the process of merging **our three parishes** (St. Aloysius, Immaculate Heart of Mary and Mary Queen of Heaven) into **ONE NEW PARISH** for the west side cluster of West Allis. We expect an answer to our initial request sometime later in the Summer.

The average process takes from 6 to 18 months. We hope to complete our process sometime before the Summer of 2018.

This is a monumental development in the history of our three parish communities and our pastoral council and staff take this responsibility as a sacred trust on behalf of our past, present and future members. We will be in constant and careful communication with all of you as often as possible and we will be asking for your help several times along the way. Please remember to include this process in your daily prayers and please remember that we are happy to answer any questions to the best of our ability at any time. Thank you for your support,

Fr. Jeff, Fr. Thomas and the Tri-Parish staff and Pastoral Council.