

Linkage Pastoral Council Meeting

Franklin Hardin Linkage

Monday, August 3, 6:30 PM

Via Zoom

Minutes

Attendees

Staff: Fr. Kevin Earleywine, Mary Quinlin

St. Mary, Ackley: Jeff Frazier, Dave Keninger, Scott O'Brien, Duane Sudtelgte, Doug Lindaman, Jeff Kurth

St. Patrick: Terry Carr, Suzanne Rowen, Todd Wragge

St. Mark: Robert Warrington, John Winkels

St. Mary, Eldora: Cecilia Penning, Lorelei Lake, Brian Krause, Dan Kadolph, Ali Steiner

Fr. Kevin opened the meeting with a prayer.

Fr. Kevin spoke about the modern mission of the parish. The parish ultimately exists as a mission and we need to ask how we take the mission out into the world. An example of outward thinking is the Barnabas House at St. Mark, where many churches have come together to move the project forward. It has been inspiring and is part of evangelization as Catholics, where others can see the work that Catholics are doing. This will look different in each of our parishes.

Fr. Kevin shared that Fr. Scott Boone will be helping us out with weekend Masses, but it is also a gracious act of charity on our part to help him transition back to active ministry. We will provide 50% of Fr. Boone's compensation. There will be some adjustments that will provide savings to offset the new priest compensation.

Fr. Kevin opened it up for discussion on requiring masks. In the linkage, we have been encouraging masks, and Fr. Kevin wears a mask to distribute Communion. We are live streaming Mass directly from our website, so people have that option if they would rather not attend Mass in person. After discussion, Fr. Kevin stated that he will do an announcement this weekend to further encourage mask-wearing.

Fr. Kevin addressed if Faith Formation classes will gather in person this year. We will see what the local schools do and also check with parents for their preference to gather or not. Each parish will discern what will work best for their location.

The appeal ArchdioceseOne is being moved back due to COVID. We were scheduled for April 2021, but that will most likely be moved to a later timeframe.

Mary reviewed Mass attendance and live stream viewership.

Next Meetings: First Monday at 6:30 PM - November 2, 2020; February 1, 2021; May 3, 2021.

Fr. Kevin closed the meeting with a prayer and the group split into break-out rooms for parish meetings.