

St. Mary Catholic Church:
Pastoral Council Meeting

Members of the council met on September 13th, 2022, 6:00p.m.

Members in attendance:

Fr. Rod Allers

Kim Brinkmeyer(PC),

Brian Krause(FCC),

Lorelei Lake(PCC),

Cecilia Penning(PC).

Unable to attend: Terry Miller.

We commenced with an opening prayer from Father.

This was our first meeting with Fr. Rod as our priest.

Fr. Rod wanted to meet so as we could discuss and understand our goals for our parish as we move forward.

We discussed:

Our two large fund accounts: Kebschull and Mission Fund.

Fr. Rod would like to invest some of that money, either through Catholic Fund Archdiocese of Dubuque, locally, or through a management fund. By investing moderately aggressive, St. Mary could increase our funds by 4%.

He would like St. Mary's to have enough funds to sustain us for a year, in case some sort of crisis arises.

Fr. Rod felt the rectory in IAF is in need of several upgrades:

New carpet (stain resistant)

Curtains, sand down and paint the walls, new flooring in the kitchen, new furniture.

The goal is to provide a comfortable, inviting home for current and future priests.

All were in agreement the upgrades would be very beneficial.

Fr. Rod would shop and get samples, estimates and such.

Iowa Falls and Eldora would split the cost 55/45%.

Both topics: Funds and possible Rectory upgrades will be presented to Finance Council for further discussion.

Fr. Rod inquired on the committees of St. Mary, what we as members see for our goals of the parish.

We discussed the many pluses St. Mary has and what we would like to see come back.

Thanksgiving Dinner, Lasagna Supper, Stewardship (Fr. Rod will work with Cecilia).

St. Mary is very strong in community, within the church and out. Communication, and giving.

We assigned roles for PC through the '22/23 year.

Lorelei Lake-Chair

Kim Brinkmeyer-Vice Chair

Cecilia Penning-Secretary

Next meeting:

Nov. 10th, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.-

Knights of Columbus Room-

St. Mary Catholic Church

Future topics-

Brainstorm meeting on what we see as a vision for our parish.

Meeting concluded with Glory Be.