

St. Mary, Vinton  
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
January 12, 2021

*The Heart of Mary Cluster, inspired by the Holy Spirit, provides a welcoming faith community in which we proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by the way we live, by our worship together and in serving others.*

I. Roll call- Marcia Reilly, Billy Ollinger, Rhonda Happel, Melissa Tandy, Danise Shannon, Jeannie Springer, Jim Mott, JR Schemmel, Stacey Happel, Cindy Forsyth (joined late)

II. Prayer and prayers for the community – Litany to St. Joseph

III. Approval of minutes – November 10th meeting – done via e-mail

IV. Minutes from standing committees: Liturgy – Jan 5<sup>th</sup>

V. Additions to agenda

- First fruits

**Old Business**

VI. Status of LOWTF giving-

- Pledge- \$1,099,132
- Received \$1,077,582= 98% of the pledge
- Received \$10,389 from year-end challenge publicized in bulletin
- Paid \$11,700 on our debt in December which leaves an outstanding balance of \$122,000 (interest rate is 1%)

VII. Building & Grounds- no updates, Cindy still trying to work on getting some painting completed

VIII. Community sustaining/building-

- Christmas cards went over well
- Birthday and Anniversary post in the bulletin – some are sending cards
- Discussion regarding bringing people back to Mass when things open up more

IX. Security at Mass (on hold...indefinitely)

St. Mary, Vinton  
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
January 12, 2021

**New Business**

X. PLC Report

- Live streaming Mass- Jeannie shared that to provide more space for people to come back, we can livestream downstairs. iVinton has improved the experience. Eric is using his own equipment (iPad with stand borrowed from the school. Would be good for the church to have the equipment and we we could train others so Eric wouldn't have to do it every week. If we do purchase equipment, should we go with an iPad or a laptop with webcam? Which would have value for the parish if/when we stop livestreaming? Question re: if a cell plan is needed with an iPad. Consensus was should be able to use with wi-fi. Melissa will check with Brandon at the school to see if he has insights or knows of students that would be able to help us out.
- Financial update- we are \$681 above where we were last year at this time

	Budgeted	Received
Excluding Christmas	\$83,875	\$98,268
Christmas	\$9,000	\$11,580

i.

- Lent – With Covid, we cannot have physical contact, thus making distribution of ashes tricky. Oher countries sprinkle ashes overs one's head- which is what the Archbishop is recommending. Also, Archbishop has said we are not to pass out palms.
- Mission with Fr. David Shields, SJ - had been postponed from last Lent until this year. Marcia spoke with Fr. David today and they're asking if we should still have it March 7-9, or should we defer to fall? Consensus - okay to postpone until Advent/fall
- IMPACT- three people from Vinton in the process right now and will finish in May. Letter from one participant was shared by Marcia

XI. Feedback on the current situation – i.e. – “How's it going?”- seems to be going well

XII. First Fruits (additional agenda item) last time St Mary Vinton donated to VAMA was a little over 1 1/2 year ago (May 2019). Current First Fruit balance available for distribution by pastoral council is \$1046. Will give a one-time payment of \$500 to VAMA

Agenda items for next meeting:

Next SMV pastoral council meeting: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.