

St. Mary Catholic Church
Pastoral Council Minutes
August 20, 2026

Mary Bailey chaired the meeting.

The meeting was called to order around 6pm in the CCC. Members present were Pete Pintens, Mary Burke, Mary Luedke, Mary Bailey, Jayne Boebel, Kari Selhofner, Jeff Walker, Deacon Dave, Mike Orlowski and Fr. Aloysius. Also present were Jan Huseby, Laura Reiter, Kathy Ramassini and Judith Roche, and Mary Baumgartner and Ruth Rigney from St. Francis.

Fr. Aloysius began the meeting with a prayer.

The parish mission statement was read by Peter P.

The council welcomed Judith R. as the new DRE.

Mary Bailey asked if anyone had comments on the June council minutes. There were no comments. Motion to approve the minutes was made and approved.

Staff Reports

Laura R noted that the deficit budget was less than planned for in large part due to gifts and bequests.

Fr. Aloysius noted from Juanita's report that there were new members to the School Executive Board.

Fr. Aloysius noted a clarification to the PET report; the PET is a committee formed under the council rather than part of the the council.

Old Business

Feast Day for Mary (Sept. 8)

Mary Bailey and Mary L. both noted that plans were going well and that highlights are being included in the bulletin.

Candidates for a student representative on the council

To be discussed in September.

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Discussions pending.

Update on Additional Mass Proposal

Fr. Aloysius read a letter from the Bishop responding to the council and PET request to continue with 5 weekend Masses. The Bishop granted continuation of 5 Masses through September 2026. The Diocese will be reviewing Mass counts to assist in future decisions.

It was recommended that the council and the PET include on future agendas plans and strategies to approach lapse parishioners, families in youth formation and the school. Mary Bailey suggested offering rides to elder parishioners who may not be able to drive in the winter.

Review Mission Statement

Jan H. will work with Judith R. to suggest slight modifications to the last draft.

Diaconate recruiting update

Deacon Dave noted that Fr. Aloysius has asked him to continue to inform and invite the parish community of the opportunity, benefits and time for diaconate training and preparation.

Update on handicap accessibility for parish office

Laura noted that a contractor is looking at plans for building modifications to install a handicap ramp and reconfigure office space to accommodate a private office for the DRE.

Schedule for council members greeting at Mass

Mary L. will develop a schedule to be included in Mass announcements starting the end of September.

New Business

Music and Liturgy Position

Jan H. is working on formation of a liturgy committee. Jan stressed the time it will take, some of the difficulties involved, and the overall importance of the effort for the good of the parish.

Jan noted that a full time Music and Liturgy position, even with a well formed liturgy committee, will be essential. Jan noted that she has no imminent plans to leave her position and that she is committed to helping the ministry succeed.

Other Business

Ministry of the Holy Spirit

Chris Corson is stepping back from this ministry. Fr. Aloysius noted that if someone is interested in this ministry, to let him know.

Koinonia Retreat

Kathy R. provided handouts and overview of the retreat. There will be more publicity for registration in the near future. Kathy noted there is interest in people to offer housing for retreat participants. The council approved a motion to use \$500 from the Maintenance to Mission Goals to help fund early registrations to the retreat.

Report on St. Francis of Assisi Celebration

Mary and Ruth provided an update on plans for their celebration, including blessing of children's favorite stuffed animals and a catered meal. Mary L. asked if they needed any assistance from the Parrish. It was suggested that car pooling might help attendance.

Deacon Dave gave a closing prayer.

The next meeting will be September 17, 2026.