

St. Mary Catholic Church
Pastoral Council Minutes
September 18, 2025

Mary Bailey chaired the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm. Members present were Mary Bailey, Mary Luedke, Kari Selhofner, Fr. Aloysius, Deacon Dave, Jeff Walker and Jayne Boebel. Members absent were; Mike Orlowski, Pete Pintens, and Doug Duchac. Others present were: Laura Reiter, Juanita Skubal and Jan Huseby.

Fr. Aloysius opened the meeting with a prayer and Jeff W. read the parish mission statement.

Mary B. asked for comments on the August 21 minutes. There were no comments. Mary L. motioned to approve the minutes. Deacon Dave seconded. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

- Staff Reports:

Jan H. (Director of Music and Liturgy) noted highlights that included the upcoming Diocesan Music Conference scheduled for September 26-27 and that 10 people were attending including Fr. Aloysius, the Advent Concert was meeting weekly and the youth choir would sing at family Mass on September 21.

Juanita S. submitted brief bio's for the school staff. There was a questions about how many of the staff were catholic. Juanita note that one of the new staff was currently taking OCIA.

Laura R. submitted a budget summary and brief bio for Yvonne Kanak who will be doing bookkeeping part time. She also submitted a summary of the Religious Ed, noting that 45 children are enrolled, kids are enjoying a meal before the Wednesday class and that the September service project is "closet clean-out". High School youth group will start September 17; Laura and Juanita will hold one youth group a month for High School students.

Ann Jelinek submitted a summary of client visits, prayer shawl gifts (four), and blood pressure screenings. She also noted continued need for assistance with Our Sisters House and the Tomahawk Area Interfaith Volunteers. Our Sisters' House is celebrating 10 years of open doors by holding an Open House on October 5, 2025, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm - all are welcome. She also noted that November is National Hunger and Homelessness month; flyers will be forthcoming and a video titled "Without A Home" will be shown in conjunction with the Community Meal.

Old Business

Small Groups

- Parish Evangelization Team: No report
- Welcome Home ministry: No report
- Dick Huseby book reading: Good group that shares in faith and discussion.
- Second Thursday Prayer Group: Six people participated. Several shared prayers for personal intentions. Group prayed for intentions written in the church book.
- Jubilee year pilgrimage: Very successful. Discussed doing another pilgrimage next year.

Bells in Church Update

- St. Francis donated a set of bells to St. Mary.
- Discussed that it might be good to have a second set.
- Discussed getting a cushion to place the bells on.

Altar Server Training

- Deacon Dave noted that he provides training to all the children.
- Jan H. noted that she frequently advertises in the bulletin for altar servers with limited volunteers.
- Juanita S. noted that children are interested (particularly younger age) but either parents aren't bringing the children to church to participate as altar servers, or that outside activities are taking higher priority.
- Deacon Dave noted that he can train adult altar servers and that several people had expressed interest, but wanted to know what the plan was for scheduling altar servers. Servers should be scheduled in advance and not be called on right before Mass. Jan H. will provide Deacon Dave with copies of a schedule to use.
- It was mentioned that the parish may need additional adult size altar server albs.

PET Member

- Jayne B. volunteered to be the council member on the Transformation Planning Team.

Feast Day for Mary

- Two days were considered: August 15 (Assumption) and September 8 (Birth of Mary).
- Jan H. noted that if a feast day occurs on a Sunday, liturgical considerations (priorities) may not allow for a separate Mary celebration.
- Fr. Aloysius noted that we may need approval from the Bishop, depending on circumstances.
- Fr. Aloysius noted that he was confident that the Bishop would attend with advance notice.
- September 8, 2026 would occur on a Tuesday. Mary B. asked if a celebratory meal could be combined with the Community Meal. Jeff W will discuss with the Community Meal organizers.

New Business

Church Security

- Jan H. noted that training was pending (possibly October 5th for the ushers).
- Discussed including Cantors due to their proximity and view of doors and windows.
- Mary B. asked about parishioners. To be discussed with the officers giving usher training.
- Laura R. said that officers had noted that the glass doors at the front of the church were a risk and that replacing with solid (metal) doors could be considered.

Mary B. lead the closing prayer.

Next Meeting will be October 16 as 6pm.
Jeff W. will lead the closing prayer.