

St. Mary Catholic Church
Pastoral Council Minutes
March 5, 2026

Mary Bailey chaired the meeting.

The meeting was called to order around 6pm in the CCC. Members present were Mary Bailey, Jayne Boebel, Deacon Dave, Kari Selhofner Jeff Walker, Pete Pintens and Fr. Aloysius. Members absent were Mary Ludke, and Mike O. Also present were Laura R. and Ann J.

Fr. Aloysius began the meeting with a prayer.

The Parish mission statement was read by Deacon Dave.

Mary Burke was introduced as the new council member, replacing Pete P. following his appointment as Trustee.

Mary Bailey invited comments on the last minutes (November, 2025). There were no comments. Pete P. motioned to approve the minutes. Mary Burke seconded All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Staff Reports: Distributed, but not reviewed.

Small Groups

- Parish Transformation Team: Jeff W. noted that the next meeting of the team would be March 26 with the Pastoral and Finance Councils and staff to discuss consolidated responses to the Pillar 4 checklist. The Pastoral Councils consolidated response was distributed earlier for review and was on the agenda for this meeting to develop recommendations and priorities to present to the team.
- The Welcome Home Team: Deacon Dave gave a summary of the Teaching Mass with gratitude to Jan H. for her efforts to prepare the booklet. Dave (?) noted there was interest have the teaching Mass repeated at a Saturday 6:30 Mass.
- The Prayer Group Ministry: Jayne B. noted that there is interest in forming a book club based on the book "Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy". The book comes with a study guide. Jayne indicated it could be April before a program might be in place.

- Deacon Dave noted that the weekly Friday morning prayer group at the Tomahawk Family Restaurant provides opportunity for prayer and social gathering and that anyone is welcome.

Feast Day for Mary

- Mary Bailey noted that some folks were discussing the effort and that the topic should remain on future agendas. It was suggested that the council appoint a committee. The council discussed expectations for the feast, to possibly include, a novena, faith enrichment, spiritual growth, coordination/participation with the school and guest speaker. It was noted that it was not too early to plan and promote such an event for September 8. Chris Leggett was mentioned as possibly having interest in the committee. Others to be determined and discussed at the next council meeting.

Large screen TV

- Jeff W. noted that he did not know how to bring closure to the TV. Any smart TV can work. The technical aspect to connecting to the church sound system needs to be addressed by a technical person. After discussion, the council agreed that the TV had value beyond use in the church directly and agreed that a TV and portable stand be purchased. Laura noted that existing evangelization funds can be used.

CCC Chairs

- Laura and Julia are working with the donor to select replacement chairs.

Expanding exposure of the council with the parish community

- It had previously been agreed that a council member should give a brief highlight once a month to the parish on what the council was doing. There was additional discussion on what that message should be and who should craft it and if something should be included in the bulletin or as an insert/handout.
- It was further discussed if the council could support and encourage opportunities for parish participation in both church and public service opportunities. Fr. noted that any such effort should be reviewed and cleared by him. Suggested for the first program was Our Sisters House, with an invitation for parish families to provide a meal and visit with residents at Our Sisters House. Ann Jelinek

agreed to speak on this. Kari S. and Mary Burke both offered to be at the back of church with handouts to promote and explain these opportunities. Ann J. noted that this effort could also include the various ministries from the updated handbook.

- There was discussion on publishing the council agenda with an open invitation to the parish to attend meetings and to provide time for comment at the meeting. No decision was made. Fr. noted that in seeking parishioners input, we need to assure we can respond to their suggestions or requests.

Altar server training

- Deacon Dave noted that he has trained seven adult servers. He also noted the great success and number of youth asking to serve even when not on the schedule.

New Business

- Pillar 4 Checklist.

Jeff W. and Fr explained the consolidate responses from the Parish Council. Copies had been distributed earlier and additional copies were included at the meeting. The council was asked if there were any major issues or priorities that should be forwarded to the transformation team, based on the checklist; with emphasis on those questions which had red (no) and/or gray (do not know) responses. Fr. used question 4 as an example; where the majority of responses said the parish does not review parish profile data to determine progress towards a mission focus.

The council was not able to identify any specific proposals. Fr. invited the council members to review the checklist and Laura's Church/School Assessment update and to let Laura know of any suggestions before the March 26 meeting.

Jeff W. noted that the Church/School Assessment included a proposal for hiring a DRE and asked if this is something the council considered important and would support. The council agreed. There was discussion on if a motion was required, but agreed this was unnecessary. This will be forwarded to the

Transformation Planning Team for consideration with input from the other groups.

- Knights of Columbus
This item was tabled until the next council meeting.

Deacon Dave said a closing prayer.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 9th, 2026.