St. Mary Catholic Church
Pastoral Council Minutes
September 17, 2026

Mary Bailey chaired the meeting.

The meeting was called to order around 6pm in the CCC. Members present were Mary Luedke, Mary Bailey, Jayne Boebel, Kari Selhofner, Jeff Walker, Mike Orlowski and Fr. Aloysius. Members absent were Pete Pintens, Deacon Dave, and Mary Burke. Also present were Laura Reiter, Patti Baacke, and Judy Dziadosz.

Fr. Aloysius began the meeting with a prayer.

The parish mission statement was read by Kari S.

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

**Staff Reports**

Jayne B. noted that the PET requested three actions by the council.

1) The council approve the new mission statement. The council approved the mission statement.
2) The council chair approve appointment of Laura R. and Jan Huseby to the PET membership. Mary B. approved the action.
3) The council consider or identify an individual with marketing and story telling skills to develop and promote evangelization success stories.

**Old Business**

Feast Day for Mary.

> Mary Bailey and Mary L. both expressed they had received positive feedback and were pleased with the attendance.

Candidates for a student representative on the council

Adeline Voermans has agreed to be a student liaison between the school, church and council.

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Fr. Aloyisus noted that he has signed up to become a Knight. Brief discussion on benefits of the Knights and some drawbacks. There are plans for bulletin notices and promotion efforts in the near future.

Schedule for council members to greet at Masses

Mary L prepared an announcement and schedule for at least one council members to be available after each Mass once a month to meet with parishioners.

Koinonia Update

Eight St. Mary parisihioners have signed up by hard copy. On-line registration and non-St. Mary registrations are unknown.

St. Francis Celebration Car Pooling

Sign up sheets will be set up for folks who can provide rides to parisihioners and for parishioners looking for rides.

**New Business**

Jayne B. noted that Our Sisters House would like for the parish to include a special collection in November in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month. Laura R. will work with Jayne B. to determine best weekend for a collection.

Patti B. gave an overview of the Respect Life Committee and Walking With Moms in Need. Discussed using recent donation to fund a participant in Walk for Life. Judith Roche noted that she is working to identify potential participants. Patti B. also noted ongoing efforts to promoted companion visits to nursing homes.

**Other Business**

Judy Dziadosz introduced the Rosary of Seven Sorrows devotion to Mary. The devotion takes about 35 minutes. There is consideration of conducting this prayer at the first Saturday adoration. A copy of the full devotion will included in a future bulletin. Judy will be offered the opportunity to ask adoration participants if conducting the prayer during adoration would be acceptable.

Fr. Aloysius led a closing prayer.

The next meeting will be October 15, 2026.