

St. Mary Catholic Church
Pastoral Council Minutes
November 20, 2025

Mary Bailey chaired the meeting.

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

Fr. Aloysius began the meeting with a prayer.

The Parish mission statement was read.

Mary B. invited comments on the last minutes (October 16). There were no comments. Mike O. motioned to approve the minutes. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Staff Reports: Distributed, but not reviewed.

Small Groups

- Parish Transformation Team: Jeff and Jayne explained actions to date included personal responses and discussion of the Bishops Pastoral Letter Discussion Questions. This fall the team will address the mission statement, vision and values. After the first of the year the team will address the Pillar 4 checklist and goals. Jayne noted the pending Diocesan workshop on Goal Setting coming on January 13 and invited anyone interested to attend. Fr. Aloysius asked if the council wanted to be more involved with the Transformation Team efforts or if they were comfortable with Jayne and Jeff representing the council in developing the response to the Pillar 4 checklist and related goals. The council was comfortable with Jayne and Jeff's representation. Fr. Aloysius had a copy of the parish snapshot report and noted that the councils and Transformation Team should review.
- The Welcome Home Team: The team is working on three initiatives. Updating the Parish Guidebook; changes provided by Ann J. and Patti B. Other changes will be addressed after the year

when staff are available to discuss changes. Developing a strategy to promote greeters. A Teaching Mass has been suggested for Feb. 8th, at the monthly 9:30 Family Mass, to provide catechesis to both children and adults who are more likely to attend the monthly Mass (not otherwise attending).

- Dick Huseby book sharing. The next session will be January 12. Good conversation and community gathering.
- The Prayer Group Ministry: Mary B. and Jeff W. attended.
- Dave adult server training update: Dave will provide training after Thanksgiving.
- Church Security update: Jan H. staff notes included a detailed summary of the security briefing. Council agreed that an officer should be invited back to present the findings to the parish.

Feast Day for Mary: The Council agreed on May 8th. A celebratory meal, if part of celebration, will be scheduled on a different date so not to overlap with the Community Meal.

Large Screen TV: action deferred until the next council meeting.

New Business

Donation for new chairs for the CCC: Council agreed to have a committee (suggested Julia, Jason, Laura and possibly Jeanie Crass) to develop recommendation. Council agreed Fr. Aloysius could approve the proposal without further review or delay for a further council meeting. Fr. Aloysius noted that replacing the chairs could satisfy the parish maintenance goal for this year. Donor has asked to be consulted on selection of chairs (noting the heavy plastic white chairs at Grace Lutheran should be considered).

Diocesan workshops/training. Brief discussion on the wealth of opportunities offered by the Diocese and how to inform and encourage parish participation. While some activities (mens retreat) are not generally paid for by the parish, Fr. Aloysius noted that the parish should consider helping so that costs do not prohibit participation.

Expanding Council Visibility: Suggestions included council attending Family Mass and introducing themselves, listening sessions directed at

specific groups, expanded representation (Laura noted that there are plans to include youth in the future).

Pete P. requested that a prayer for conversion of souls be included in the intercessory prayers. Fr. Aloysius asked that Jan be asked to include this.

Jeff W. noted that the Historical Society has offered St. Mary the opportunity to have a summer long display with a dedicated weekend to promote any particular celebration. Mike O. expressed interest in helping. Jeff will arrange a meeting with the Historical Society staff.

Mary L. asked about adding a Tuesday evening Mass. Fr. Aloysius was agreeable, but would have to confirm with the Bishop.

Jeff W. read a closing prayer from Kari.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2026.