

St. Mary Catholic Church
Pastoral Council Minutes
May 21, 2026

Mary Ludke chaired the meeting.

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

Fr. Aloysius began the meeting with a prayer.

The Parish mission statement was read by Mike O.

There were no minutes from the April 9th meeting - that meeting being dedicated to forming proposed mission and maintenance goals for the parish, which had been forwarded to Fr. Aloysius.

Staff Reports

Mary L. asked if anyone had comments on the staff reports.

Jeff W. asked if the council had any role in helping Laura recruit parishioners for teachers in the youth formation classes and confirmation training. Laura noted a personal invitation to anyone who might be interested was the best approach.

Jeff W. asked if the Diocesan Annual Fall Conference in October for teachers and catechists or the Parish Catechetical Leadership Conference in August would be opportunities for a parishioner to learn and become more confident to participate in teaching faith formation.

Old Business

Feast Day for Mary (Sept. 8)

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

Large screen TV

Jeff W. and Laura R. will proceed with purchase.

CCC Chairs

Jeff W. will work with the donor to identify their preference of two options. Because of space (storage) and costs, a mix of both may be considered. Laura R. suggested that the current CCC chairs be used to replace the metal chairs used for the festival.

Teaching Mass

Fr. Aloysius and Deacon Dave will confirm a date for a 6pm teaching Mass.

Knights of Columbus

Fr. Aloysius will discuss with financial donor (?)

Parish Council talking at Mass/being greeters at Mass

Council agreed that an announced monthly meet-and-greet at the back of the church (similar to monthly nurse blood pressure screening) would provide a good interaction between the council and the parish community. At least two council members should be present at each Mass. First meet-and-greet to be scheduled in June after confirming date with Tracy.

Mike O. noted that the ushers were doing a good job, and that council members should not need to be greeters.

Mary L. suggested the council agenda include an opportunity for members to identify/discuss anything they hear from the parish community that the council should address.

Bulletin notices may be used to highlight important topics.

Potential candidates for student representative

To be discussed at future council meetings.

March for Life candidates

Next March for Life is in January, 2007. Registrations will be due in October, 2026.

New Business

Historical Society Display

Display will be open from June 11- August 24. The society is offering to host an ice cream social on any day the parish would like. Deacon Dave offered to provide commentary on the host day. Jeff W. will confirm date with Deacon Dave and get a notice in the bulletin.

Unified Tomahawk Area Churches Sponsoring a Music on the River Concert

Jayne B. discussed plans for area church's to have a booth at one of the Music on the River events to pass out cookies and welcoming packets.

Monthly Saturday Night Wine and Cheese fellowship

Jayne B. and Mary Burke proposed holding a monthly fellowship gathering following Saturday Mass. Jayne and Laura will work with Tracy to select a date for a first gathering in June.

Other Business

Jayne B. invited council members to make a contribution towards a basket for the festival that would support Our Sisters House.

Mary L. said a closing prayer.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2026.