

St. Mary Catholic Church
Pastoral Council Minutes
June 18, 2026

Mary Bailey chaired the meeting.

The meeting was called to order around 6pm in the CCC. Members present were Mary Burke, Mary Luedke, Mary Bailey, Jayne Boebel, Kari Selthofner, Jeff Walker, Mike Orlowski and Fr. Aloysius. Members absent were Deacon Dave and Peter Pintens. Also present were Laura Reiter, Jan Huseby, Tom Oscar and Sandy Bishop.

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 May council minutes. There were no comments. Motion to approve the minutes was made and approved.

Staff Reports

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

Jan H. noted that she had no comments on her report, but wanted to note that a wedding was being planned. The first in a long time.

Old Business

Feast Day for Mary (Sept. 8)

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

CCC Chairs

Laura R. noted that new chairs have been selected and their purchase is progress. The donor and Community Meal are splitting the cost. Existing chairs will be stored for use at the festival.

Parish Council talking at Mass/being greeters at Mass

Mary L. will work to set a schedule and advise Jan H., who will add a notice in the announcements when council members will be available to meet and greet. Generally, Kari S will be available for Saturday 6pm, Jeff W. and Mike O. for Sunday 11, and Mary L. for Sunday 9:30.

The council will work on expediting the agenda to provide to the parish in advance of each meeting; to be put on-line and included in the bulletin (as bulletin notice or insert). The parish will be invited to attend meetings. The agenda will include time for public comment.

Potential candidates for student representative

To be discussed in September.

Unified Tomahawk Area Churches Sponsoring a Music on the River Concert

Scheduled for July 15th. Announcement will be in the bulletin.

Monthly Saturday Night Wine and Cheese fellowship

Motion was made and approved to proceed with this effort. Jayne B. and Mary Burke will coordinate.

New Business

Discussion of Mission Statement Update

Sandy B. reviewed a number of proposed mission statements and an AI generated list of considerations for developing mission statements. She invited the council to review and submit any ideas, preferences, specific words or concepts directly to her. She

will consolidate and work with the Parish Evangelization Team to craft a new draft for the council's review.

Tom Oscar noted that the Diocese is looking for the PET and councils to intentionally incorporate prayer, formation, catholic identity and mission into their efforts - agendas, discussions and deliberations.

Council participation at the Festival

There are no plans to place suggestion boxes this year.

Mary Bailey asked if there plans to conduct church tours like last year. Jeff W. noted there are no plans to do so.

Adding a Sunday Evening Mass

Summer Mass attendance numbers for Sunday 9:30 and 11 and overall decline in donations prompted a discussion on alternative Mass times. Laura R. noted that families have expressed interest in a Sunday evening Mass that would allow for weekend travel and sporting events.

There was discussion on number of families that would actually participate, difficulties in covering ministry positions, concerns that visiting priest may not be willing to hold five Masses for the cluster and if an additional Mass with low numbers would impact the Diocese SAQ assessment.

Any decision to continue with two Masses on Sunday will require approval from the Bishop. Fr. Aloysius, while willing to perform two Masses, noted that the current Mass schedule seems practical to accommodate family schedules and ministries rather than changing to one in the evening. Fr. Aloysius noted whether or not to request approval from the Bishop was up to the council. A motion to retain two Sunday Masses was made and approved by a majority. It was suggested that the council should approach the Bishop at the upcoming September 8th feast. It was noted

September 8th would be too late - as the current approval is only through Labor Day. Jeff W. offered to draft a letter on behalf of both the council and the PET to the Bishop requesting approval. A draft letter was forwarded to Mary Bailey, Mary L., Sandy B., and Tom O. on June 19.

The next meeting will be July 16th.