

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
April 24, 2025

The Parish Pastoral council meeting was called to order at 6:00PM in the CCC. Members present were Mary Bailey, Bear Wadzinski, Mary Luedke, Tom Oscar, and Pete Pintans and Fr. Aloysius. Members absent: Michele Wingate, Sandy Bishop, Jeff Walker and Doug Duchac. Others present: Jan Huseby, Ann Jelinek, Patti Baacke, and Laura Reiter.

Fr. Aloysius began the meeting with a prayer.

The Mission Statement was read.

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Bear made a motion to approve the minutes, Mary L. seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the minutes were approved.

Staff reports: Jan's report was not sent out with the other staff reports, so she reported that St. Mary's will be hosting a training for lay leaders of prayer in August and October. She was asking for recommendations of people for this training. Jan also reported that in June there will be an evening meeting of ushers to talk of safety issues in the church and to recruit more ushers. Also, Mass on the Grass is scheduled for July 13. Jan asked the council if there could only be one Mass at St. Mary's that day, since it is hard to transfer items over to the park with the short time between 9:30 and 11:00 Masses. The council thought that one Mass at 10:30AM would work.

Mary Luedke reported that the proposed pilgrimage to Champion with Merrill wasn't going to work, so St. Mary's will have to plan to go on our own. She suggested that we plan for a weekday in September or October. Sign up sheets for interested people will be put out and some informative meetings will be planned.

Old Business:

1. Jason Nehring is the new school custodian and parish maintenance person and he is doing a good job so far. The search continues for a DRE, but the position is going to be reposted as a part-time position. Some of the aspects of the job may be divided up and have a few different people completing the tasks.
2. New officers: The election of officers was postponed until the next meeting. Mary Bailey will lead the meeting for next time
3. Middle school update: No update at this time. A member of the parish council is invited to be on the Exploratory Committee—more information will be provided at the next meeting.
4. Home Sport & Travel show: It went well this year, with a lot of questions. It is thought for next year to have Fr. Aloysius be present for awhile and to think of interesting give aways from the church.
5. Spiritual combat talk: The talk was very interesting, but a bit long for one night and didn't allow for a lot of discussion. It was thought to do it again next year during Lent, spreading it out over a few weeks.
6. Small Group update:
 - a. The Core Group's new name is Parish Evangelization Team (PET).
 - b. Welcome Home:

- i. There were no comments received on the Home Show Welcome Home handout.
 - ii. No comments received on the Easter letter.
 - iii. Still researching on how to reach inactive members.
 - iv. Home blessings: Fr. Aloysius said it is a good time during this Easter season to reach out to people to see if they would like a house blessing. Sign up sheets will be put out this weekend.
- c. Dick Huseby's book sharing continues to do well, here and at Milestone. The next date for the meeting at St. Mary's is May 19.
- d. First Saturday Prayer Group: no update

New Business:

1. Women's Tea Event. The event is full—there are 113 people signed up.

Other Business:

1. St. Mary's Lenten project, Project Bubalou, received front page recognition and the school students have been praised for their talks on WJJQ.
2. Holy Thursday adoration: Pete suggested having a sign up sheet for adoration next year so that someone is always present until midnight.
3. Mary B. mentioned that a purificator is not used when a consecrated host is dropped on the floor. Fr. Aloysius explained that crumbs do not come off very easily with the hosts we use, so just consuming the host is an acceptable practice.
4. Thank you to the members who are done with their terms—we are grateful for your service!

Mary L. said the closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

The next meeting will be held on May 15 in the CCC. Mary B. will lead the closing prayer.

Minutes submitted by Laura Reiter