

St. Mary Catholic Church
Pastoral Council Minutes
July 16, 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 Selhofner, Jeff Walker, Deacon Dave, Mike Orlowski and Fr. Aloysius. Member absent was Peter Pintens. Also present was Sandy Bishop.

Fr. Aloysius began the meeting with a prayer.

The parish mission statement was read.

Mary Bailey asked if anyone had comments on the June 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. There were no comments.

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.

Candidates for a student representative on the council

To be discussed in September.

Report on Music on the River

Jayne reported that despite low attendance due to smoke, over 900 cookies were passed out. Father had a picture of the group and Jayne will try to get it into the Catholic Herald.

Monthly Saturday night wine and cheese fellowship

Jayne and Mary Burke noted the event was organized. Thanks to Brad Burke for his assistance.

Fall teaching Mass

Deacon Dave said everything was ready for the August 22, 6pm Mass.

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Discussions to be started with Joe Zahringer and Charles Wildey.

Additional Mass proposal

Jayne handed a copy of an original letter signed by the Co-chairs of the PET to Mary Bailey. Mary Bailey and Mary L. signed the letter and passed it to Fr. Aloysius. The contents of the letter were not read to or discussed with the council.

New Business

Review Parish Mission and Maintenance Goals

Sandy B. lead the discussion, noting that the goals were developed by the council and that the council should own the goals and include updated discussions as part of the monthly council meetings.

Sandy passed out a copy of comments from Chris Newkirk on the goals which were largely positive with some suggestions.

Sandy stressed that the council should have a person(s) responsible to track each goal.

- Promote attendance at School of Servant Leadership: Jeff W. and Deacon Dave.
- Promote attendance at men's and women's retreats: Jeff W. and representative for the women's retreat to be identified.
- St. Mary feast day celebration: Mary Bailey and Mary L.
- Koinonia Retreat: Kathy Ramassini.
- Recruit DRE: completed.
- Establish committee to recruit Director of Music and Liturgy: Unresolved, pending better understanding of timing and scope of duties and responsibilities, and opportunities for committees.
- Handicap ramp and office reconfiguration: Although identified as a facility maintenance goal under the Finance Committee, the council concluded that the council should have representation in the effort. Mary Bailey will talk with Pete Pintens about a proposal for a ramp. Sandy offered the assistance of the PET if necessary.

Other Business

Sandy passed out a draft Mission Statement developed by the PET and requested the council review prior to the next council meeting.

Sandy requested that the council formally approve the PET as a committee reporting to the council. A motion was made and approved the council.

Deacon Dave gave a closing prayer.

The next meeting will be August 20, 2026.