St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church
Pastoral Council Minutes
October 13, 2026, PMC, 6:00 p.m.

Members Present:
Fr. Darrell Kostiha, Greg Porter, Vincent Richter (via Zoom), Arleen Danek, Moppy Miller, Susan Tatrow, and Seneca Gonzalez
Absent: Jim Buzan
Opening Prayer:
Fr. Darrell Kostiha
Meeting Called to Order:
Fr. Darrell Kostiha

Topics of Discussion

Old Business:

1. **Welcome Committee/Monthly Coffee and Donuts** – Karen Chandler has reached out to many of the ministries at St. Mary's to restart the Welcome Committee. The Pastoral Council (PC) will be working with her to allow our various ministries host a monthly opportunity to welcome new parishioners and enjoy coffee and donuts.

2. **Masterplan** – The St Mary's Catholic Church and School (SMCC&S) Facilities Master Plan committee is working. They will meet every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month to strategize a plan for the future.

3. **St. Mary's Cemetary** –The PC is working with a firm that works with the City of Taylor on quotes to level and repair headstones. The PC will work with the Cemetary Committee as we consider how to proceed once a quote is available. (SAME UPDATE from last PC mtg)

4. **School Gym, Ladies Restroom** – A quote is approved for an additional sink in the ladies restroom in the school gym. A volunteer has agreed to install it at costs of supplies. St. Mary's School is making the arrangements.

5. **Mass Changes** – The PC was updated on the changes during Mass. Fr. Darrell has formed a vocations committee. A "Litany for Vocations" prayer is being read 10 minutes before each Mass. A cross is being sent home each week to a household to pray for vocations. The collection is now being sealed immediately and stored securely; this allows the gifts to be brought to the altar in a more timely manner to provide a better flow as Fr. Darrell prepares to bless the sacraments.

6. **Mass Overflow** – As the holidays approach, plans for creating a space for overflow is being prepared and planned.

New Business:

1. **Welcome Committee** – See 1 in Old Business.

2. **PMC** -During a triple-digit day, the PMC had a large group meeting. The A/C did not have time to catch-up. A contractor will be asked to evaluate the current A/C situation. However, we ask that large/larger groups go earlier in the day to set the A/C to a desired temperature so that it has time to cool.

3. **Handicap Parking** - Opportunities to add handicap parking, even if is it temporary during Masses, are being discussed.

4. **Fall Festival** – The PC reviewed the report shared with the congregation the weekend of October 10-11.

5. **2027 Dates** – The PC created a calendar for meetings in 2027: January 12, April 13, July 13, and October 12. The Leadership committee will meet with Fr. Darrell one week in advance.

Ending Prayer: Fr. Darrell Kostiha

Next Meeting: January 12, 2027

Respectfully Submitted, Susan Tatrow

Calendar:

PC Meetings for 2027	Jan 12, Apr 13, July 13, & Oct 12
PC Leadership Mtg 2027	Jan 5, Apr 6, July 6, & Oct 5
Fall Festival	TBD
TBD	Eucharistic Procession from Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Mary's