St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church

Pastoral council Minutes

May 13 2025, Convent 6:00PM

Members Present: Fr. John, Karen Chandler-Facilitator, Ryan Collett-Co-Facilitator, Homero Gonzalez-Secretary, Dr. Kevin Stuart, Greg Porter, Arleen Danek, Vincent Richter, and Jim Buzan.

Absent: N/A

Opening Prayer & Reflection: All **Meeting called**

to order: Karen Chandler

Topics of Discussion:

New Business:

1. **Meeting with City of Taylor-** Fr. John, Dr. Stuart, & Heidi met with Mayor Ariola, and his team to discuss Right of Way Abandonment for 5th Street and Elliott Street which is currently owned by the city. Utilities currently run under 5th Street. The City of Taylor asked for a traffic study and estimated cost to re-route underground utilities for additional consideration. Any costs associated with study or estimates to re-route utilities will be the sole responsibility of St. Mary's. An alternative method of installing Pull Up Bollards was suggested which would allow the City access to the street if needed.

2. **St Vincent de Paul Update-** A survey was completed and shows components of the adjacent building is over the property boundary of St. Vincent de Paul. The encroachment is causing irreparable damage to SVDP building. Legal action is being considered. Fr. John will be consulting with the Diocese of Austin on the next steps to be taken.

3. **Pastoral Council Discernment of Candidates-** The candidate discernment will involve a series of questions designed to help us understand the candidate's gifts and vision for our church community. The discernment of candidates will take place Wednesday, June 4th. Following these interviews, the current Pastoral Council members will meet June 5th and select three members to join our team. The installation of new members will be July 13, 2025 at the 9am mass.

4. **Deacon Ladd Gift-** Deacon Ladd received his ordination gift from the church, it is a beautiful Chalice. His ordination date is scheduled for June 14, 2025. He will celebrate Mass at St. Mary's on Sunday, June 15th at 9am, with a reception following mass.

5. **St. Mary's Altar Society & Crafty Society-** Karen did not have a chance to talk with Dolly Hyzak to see if the Altar Society would allow St. Mary's Crafty Society to place items in the Religious Articles booth. There was a concern with limited booth space. Dolly also wanted to confer with Altar Society members. Karen will follow up with Dolly and report back to council.

6. **Additional Comments from Father John**- Fr. John addressed the concern of his availability to the church community for social interactions. He said he has never missed any related church or school functions unless he was sick. Fr. John shared that his studies have taken all of his personal time. His studies should be ending around Spring of 2026.

Ending Prayer-Fr John

Next Meeting July 8, 2025, 6PM, at PMC.

Respectfully Submitted, Homero Gonzalez, Secretary.

Calendar

6-14-25 Deacon Ladd's Ordination, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
8-10-25 St. Mary's Fest Day
9-7-2025 St. Mary's Festival 2025
9-2025 Blessing of new parish members to be announced—invite new members from November 2024 moving forward
TBD--Pastoral Council Retreat at Cedarbrake Retreat Center
2025---TBD--Eucharistic Procession, Procession from Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Mary's