

St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church
Pastoral Council Minutes
July 14, 2026, PMC, 6:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Fr. Darrell Kostiha, Greg Porter, James Buzan, Vincent Richter, Arleen Danek, Moppy Miller, Susan Tatrow, and Seneca Gonzalez; Dr. Kevin Stuart via phone.

Opening Prayer & Reflection:

Fr. Darrell Kostiha

Meeting Called to Order:

Fr. Darrell Kostiha

Topics of Discussion

Old Business:

1. **Masterplan** – Fr. Darrell with input from Heidi Altman has created a committee to start working on a masterplan for the church and school. The committee has had an initial meeting with the architect firm, Grasso Gay, and will be starting to developing a mission statement and communications strategy.
2. **Monthly Coffee and Donuts** – The Pastoral Council (PC) has postponed donuts and coffee until the 4th Sunday of September 2026.
3. **Security** – A meeting has been requested with a member of law enforcement that helps businesses determine safety measures for properties.
4. **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.
5. **School Gym, Ladies Restroom** – A quote is being drafted for an additional sink in each restroom in the school gym. A volunteer has agreed to install it at costs of supplies.

New Business:

1. **Vocations** - Fr. Darrell is forming a vocations committee. A “Litany for Vocations” prayer will be initiated 10 minutes before each Mass; placards will be available in the pews to follow and respond accordingly when the lectors are leading the prayer. Additionally, a cross is being located to allow a household to volunteer to take home each week to pray for vocations; more details to follow.
2. **Church Spaces** - Live streaming in the gym when high-attendance Masses are occurring has been requested. We are checking to see if that accommodation can be met. This is mainly for Christmas and Easter Vigil masses. First Communion was highly attended due to the large class but Fr. Darrell plans to split that Mass into TWO next year.

3. **Building Maintenance** - A plumbing issue has recently been addressed at the back of the rectory, however, a bigger issue needs to be addressed from the rectory to the main city line. The asphalt will need to be dug up for several feet. The plumber is submitting a quote.

The pews are starting to get loose in the church. Fr. Darrell is asking a contractor to take a look and see if it can be remedied.

Ending Prayer: Fr. Darrell Kostiha

Next Meeting: October 13, 2026

Respectfully Submitted, Susan Tatrow

Calendar:

PC Meetings for 2026

PC Leadership Mtg 2026

Fall Festival

TBD

October 13

October 6

September 13, 2026

Eucharistic Procession from Our Lady of
Guadalupe to St. Mary's