

ST. MARY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
October 20, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

- I. Attendance:
Present: Fr. Matthew Guidi, Richard Lacey, Erin Pollard, Bill Fiske, Chad Klapes, Lori Koperek, Tom Burke,
Absent: Jesse Gallego, Charles Houff, Zeke Chichester.
- II. Fr. Matthew led an opening prayer. The group read the Mission Statement together. .
- III. The proposed minutes from the September meeting were reviewed and approved.
- IV. The calendar was reviewed for upcoming important events. Fr. Matthew will be updating the Spiritual Life calendar, he wants to keep the Stations of the Cross. The Vocation drive will be in November. There will be recommendation cards in the pews on the weekend of November 8th and 9th. The Women's Conference will be on November 15th. Fr. Matthew and Libby would like to bring a group to Bellamy school for this. For the Men's Conference there were 225 attendees. The goal was to have 500 attendees.
- V. OLD BUSINESS:
- Building and Maintenance: OTIS: Stairs and roof are done and the sign is refurbished. Roger Scheuerer did some basement work recently.
- St. Joseph's Cemetery : The arch project is complete and paid for. Fr. Matthew and others are working on completing paperwork to the Town to report on the status of the project. The Grotto needs major repairs. Quotes are \$10-20,000. We will have to pay off other debt before the project is undertaken. SMS: window repairs and blinds are all completed. SMC: Some repairs are still in progress at the Rectory.
- Homebound Ministry:
- Youth and Young Family outreach:
- Health and Peace: Chad sent out info on community resources to decide which to post. Corey is helping with the mental health piece.
- Latinx Outreach:
- Time, Talent, Treasure: Erin and Chad. We discussed placing needs for specific volunteers in the TTT section of bulletin and Flocknote as needed.
- Murder Mystery Dinner:

Walk with One: Erin and Chad. We reviewed the proposed timeline for the program. We would introduce the program and step one at Masses on the weekend of November 29/30. We will encourage Parishoners to access the program through the website and support as needed. Fr. Matthew will announce the program and step one Nov. 29/30. Step two will be introduced at Masses on the weekend of January 3rd and 4th. Again, we will give support as needed on the second step. The third step will be introduced on January 30th and 31st. The fourth step will be introduced at Masses on the weekend of February 27 and 28th. This will coincide with Lent, which will marry well with inviting people to events at the Parish and school. Everyone was in agreement with moving forward with this timeline.

Cemetery:

Parish Council membership:

Faith Formation: going very well so far.

Eucharistic Procession:

.VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- Christmas party: Bill Fiske suggested that in addition to the Finance Council, we should invite the KOC to our Christmas party on December 15th. All members were in agreement. Bill will talk to them. Party will be in the library this year.
- The meeting went into Executive Session at 7:40 pm until 8:03 pm to discuss Mass schedule changes.

-Fr. Matthew said a closing prayer.

-The next meeting will be Monday, November 17, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Submitted by Erin Pollard