

St Mary Parish

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Date: March 11, 2025

Attendees

John Nygaard	P	Andy Bley	P
Brandon Kirchoff	P	Tracy Seymour	P
Tim Pomroy	P	Chris Bruns	E
Joe Goetter	P	Jim Gremminger	P
Monika Wiese	P	Carolyn Stelpflug	P
Dave Pittman	P	Monsignor Schecterle	P
		Father Linn	E

Agenda

- Liaison Updates
- Deanery Update
- Voice of Pew
- Comments from Pastor
 - Replacement PC member

Notes

Liaisons

- School Committee – Dave
 - No meeting last month.
 - Catholic Schools Dinner tonight (3/11/25), Fr Linn attending.
 - School play is Mona Jr. on 3/20
 - Carolyn will work with Kristen to put flyers in bulletin.
- Human Concerns - Monika
 - Discussed different ways to make giving easier. QR codes, Kiosk, etc
 - Msg will bring ideas to Staff for next steps
 - Also discussed adding “poor boxes” in the entrances, similar to St Anthony.
 - Msg approved last month.
 - “Life Connection” home grand opening and blessing on 3/19 from 2-7PM
 - Archbishop Grobb attending and blessing the home.
 - Feastible team considering going with a spaghetti dinner this year due to the cost and complexity of the Thanksgiving spread.
 - Msg approved. They are moving forward.
- Finance – Carolyn & Brandon
 - Committee meeting tonight after PC meeting

St Mary Parish Mission Statement

Love God above all else.

Love neighbor as self.

- Completed meeting to review the School Choice audit. Several procedural updates needed. Team will prioritize.
- Investigating part-time School Choice coordinator.

Deanery Update

- Next meeting 3/31. Dave will not be able to attend.
- Need someone for this role when Dave rotates off PC at the end of the 2025.

Voice of Pew

- Question about process for adding a new ministry.
 - John N shared a document laying out the requirements/process.
 - Important to make sure PC and Staff are aware of this process and know to guide people to this process.
- Discussion about the Lending Library
 - First observation was that most people in the meeting were not aware we had a Lending Library at St Mary.
 - There are several issues with this library at this point because people are dropping off too many books and some of them are inappropriate. Ultimately there is no one managing this process.
 - PC agreed that we should combine this library with the library outside of the adoration chapel at St Anthony.
 - We will put a message in the bulletin telling people about the change.
- Question from a parishioner about whether we have a prison ministry.
 - We do not.

Pastor Comments

- No replacement member to announce
- No feedback from the contractor for the communion station again in Feb. Monsignor has identified a new architect/contractor to work with and will reach out to a new contractor.

Other Comments