

St Mary Parish

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Jan 13, 2026

Attendees

Christine Polder	P	Andy Bley	A
Brandon Kirchoff	A	Joe Goetter	P
Tim Pomroy	P	Mary Mueller	P
Jim Schmitt	P		
Carolyn Stelpflug	P	Jim Gremminger	P
Father Matthew	P	Monsignor Schechterle	P

Agenda

- Introductions
- Liaison Updates
- Deanery Update
- Voice of Pew
- Updates
 - Proxies
 - 2026 Gala
 - Administrative Services Director Update
- Comments from Pastor

Action Items

Action	Who	When	Status
Talk to Gina F about system for playing chant during confession	Carolyn	Feb	Open
Brainstorm ideas for Pastoral council silent auction items	All	Feb	Open
Work with firm that coordinates security opportunities and potential federal assistance programs	Monsignor	Feb	Open

Notes

Introductions: Mary and Jim, welcome to PC!

Liaisons

Selected Liaisons:

- School Committee – Andy

St Mary Parish Mission Statement

Love God above all else.
Love neighbor as self.
Go, make disciples.

- No formal school council, but Andy and Annemarie have met and a formal committee is still in the works.
- A few updates:
 - Enrollment for school year at 210, target 230 for next year.
 - Catholic Schools week kicks off with Open House on Jan 25 from 11:00-1:00. PC members encouraged to stop in.
- Human Concerns – Christine
 - No meeting in Dec. HC will meet next week for Jan.
- Finance – Brandon/Carolyn
 - No meeting. Target first meeting in Feb with new DAS
- Deanery – Tim
 - No meeting. Next meeting April 27, 2026, location TBD

Voice of Pew

- Discussion about the Gregorian chant during confession at St Anthony, request to have that at St Mary too.
 - Carolyn will discuss options with Gina F

Updates

- Communion Station
 - Contractor working on templates.
- Bell Tower & Cemetery Columbarium
 - Both approved and moving forward.
- New Director of Administrative Services – Tyler Parent
 - Started Dec 16
- School Choice audit
 - Targeting mid Feb.
 - Annemarie will be school choice coordinator moving forward.
- 2026 Gala
 - ‘Stop the auction’ item for St Mary was discussed. Aligned on the following:
 1. School security
 2. Sanctuary improvements
 - **NOTE:** The plan will be to include both in the proposal and then split the funds.
 - Pastoral Council contribution
 - Previous years the council has provided an item for the silent auction (kayak, inflatable hot tub, etc)
 - Looking for ideas for 2026, will brainstorm and decide in Feb meeting

Pastor Comments

- No additional comments

Other Comments