

St Mary Parish

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Mar 10, 2026

Attendees

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

Agenda

- Liaison Updates
- Deanery Update
- Voice of Pew
- Updates
 - Proxies
 - 2026 Gala
- Comments from Pastor

Action Items

Action	Who	When	Status
Talk to Gina F about system for playing chant during confession	Carolyn	Feb	Open

Notes

Liaisons

Selected Liaisons:

- School Committee – Andy
 - School Committee did not meet
 - Grandparents Day this week...expecting very strong attendance
- Human Concerns – Christine
 - Pancake breakfast turnout was down this year (from 300 to 189).
 - Confirmation students did a nice job volunteering
- Finance – Brandon/Carolyn
 - No meeting.

St Mary Parish Mission Statement

Love God above all else.

Love neighbor as self.

Go, make disciples.

- Budgets are being worked on for next year. They will be presented to Monsignor.
- Carolyn & Tyler continuing to prioritize School Choice Audit, working with external auditor.
 - Overall the process is going well, we continue to make progress
 - On-site audit planned for this Friday (3/13)
- Deanery – Tim
 - No meeting. Next meeting April 27, 2026, location TBD

Voice of Pew

- Men of Christ Conference is this Saturday March 14 at the Miller HighLife Theater in Milwaukee

Updates

- Communion Station
 - Contractor making progress. Coming onsite to match stain colors.
- Bell Tower
 - Have 2nd quote. Working through timing and project details before we start.
- Cemetery Columbarium
 - Being constructed.
- 2026 Gala
 - We currently have 188 people signed up for Gala (max 240)
 - Someone has submitted a \$2500 “Stop the Auction” bid to get things started.
 - Pastoral Council contribution was submitted (patio heater, lights, tumblers and speaker). Thank you Mary Mueller for pulling it together.

Pastor Comments

- Jacob Bruns will be ordained a Deacon on Saturday April 18. He will preach at St Mary on Sunday April 19 at both the 7:30 and 9:30 masses. Small reception to follow.
- Father Matthew will lead a pilgrimage to Bethlehem next year 2/27 – 3/5/27.
 - They will spend time at our sister parish, St Catherines of Bethlehem.
 - Many more details to follow.
- Lots of moving pieces at parish and school with staffing. Hiring several key roles: Custodian, Gym Teacher, Receptionist, IT Support.
- No April meeting. Monsignor will be on retreat and vacation after Easter.

Other Comments