

ST. MARY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES  
July 21, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

- I. Attendance:  
**Present:** Fr. Matthew Guidi, Fr. Jacob Janczyk, Charles Houff, Richard Lacey, Erin Pollard, Bill Fiske, Chad Klapes, Lori Koperek, Zeke Chichester.  
**Absent:** Jesse Gallego, Tom Burke.
- II. Fr. Matthew led an opening prayer. The group read the Mission Statement together. .  
∴
- III. We welcomed Fr. Matthew and made introductions of present Council members and their roles on Council and in the Parish.
- IV. The proposed minutes from the March meeting were reviewed.
- V. The calendar was reviewed for upcoming important events. The food truck will be at SML tomorrow. On July 26th, Fr. Dailey will be celebrating Mass at SMC. Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be on August 15th. On August 25th the school re-opens. We discussed Holy days of obligation schedules and Mass scheduling in general. This will be an ongoing assessment.
- VI. OLD BUSINESS:  
Building and Maintenance: Not discussed..  
  
St. Joseph's Cemetery : Arch repairs are underway. Trees were discussed. Bill and Corey offered to help but need to know which trees need to come down. Additionally, Richard reports that there are two young men who are volunteering at STJ for hours who have been helping with cleaning/projects at STJ.  
  
Homebound Ministry: nothing new to add.  
  
Youth and Young Family outreach: We need new Baptism preparation teachers, pray on this.  
  
Health and Peace: nothing new..  
  
Latinx Outreach: not discussed.  
  
Time, Talent, Treasure: Erin and Chad are planning TTT weekend on September 13 and 14th after each of the Masses. Fr. Matthew said he will discuss what TTT means, why it is important and let people know that there will be flyers outside. We will finalize flyers and coordinate with Richard in Stockbridge and Otis so they can share materials as well.

Murder Mystery Dinner: Bill. Date is October 11th. It was not posted in the master calendar so we will make sure it is placed on there. We will advertise in bulletins. Flyer is being finalized for advertising. Libby Collins is catering. Menu options were reviewed along with ticket prices. Dinner schedule will be 5-9 pm. Deposit given.

Walk with One: Evangelization program. Erin and Chad were to meet with Fr. Brian this summer to discuss. Fr. Matthew has heard of this program. Erin and Chad will meet to discuss how to move forward.

Cemetery: Bill discussed trying to push for more volunteers for fall and spring clean-ups, it is a lot of work.

Website:not discussed.

Parish Council membership: We have two openings. Corey was mentioned, he will have been a Parishoner for one year in December. We discussed inviting him to sit in on Meetings and see if he would like to join in December. Bylaws were discussed as well.

Faith Formation: TJ Ryan has resigned as Faith Formation leader. Libby Collins has offered to help. We still need at least one teacher and hall monitors.

Eucharistic Procession: Ken Hoffa was coordinating this. Planning has fizzled out. Fr. Matthew has led these in the past where we just walk around the Church or the block. Ideally it would be held on Corpus Christi. We can coordinate with the Town.

.VI. NEW BUSINESS:  
None.

-We discussed the format of sending reports via email to Chad before meetings so they can be reviewed and items added to agenda as needed.

-Fr. Jacob said a closing prayer.

-The next meeting will be Monday, September 15 , 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Submitted by Erin Pollard