

St. Charles Borromeo Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

February 25th, 2026

Present: Fr. Gideon Buya, Fr. Shijo, Sr. Jennifer D., Mary Ann N., Renee S., MaryJo B., Catherine M., Patti B., Warren B. **Absent:** Reyna M., Judy S.

The meeting began at 6:35pm with prayer led by all and a Scripture reading with responses.

Old Business:

Soup and stations: Deacon Stan Lowe spoke about “The pillars of Lent.” We had a total of 7 soups brought in by parishioners and we had about 2 dozen parishioners attend the event. Fr. Gideon & Fr. Shijo gave their word of “Gratitude” for how well it was planned out and it was very well received by all.

New Business:

Deanery meeting report: We were updated by Mary Ann (For more information please see the minutes notes that were provided by Mary Ann). The deanery committee meets twice a year. The deanery includes both Spanish-speaking and English-speaking parishes, but the Spanish-speaking parishes are not represented at the deanery meetings right now. The goal is for them to be represented and involved on the deanery level.

Holy Week Liturgies and Sacraments: Holy Thursday will be a bilingual mass. March 25th there will be a 12-hour reconciliation at the Basilica in Milwaukee for anyone that would like to come to confession. There will be a Lenten service at St. Romans. There will be a Good Friday service at St. Romans and St. Charles. The Easter Vigil at St. Romans will be in Spanish and St. Charles will be in English. Consecrated host will be in the gathering space at St. Charles for those who would like to attend.

Preparation for 2026-27 Discernment: We need to fill at least 2 spots for the next term. Sister Jennifer to step down as the vice chair. Patti B. has completed two terms and is ineligible for another term. There will be presentations led by Sr. Jennifer and Mary Ann one weekend at all three masses for recruitment for new pastoral council members.

Café Sunday in May: Pastoral Counsel is hosting the May Café Sunday. There will be a sign-up genius made by Mary Ann for us to sign-up for food assignments. Renee and Catherine are going to make a power point presentation for the video bulletin board in the back of the church. If the council members could write down “why they joined the council or what they like about being in parish council.” Deadline for the submission of comments will be 4/13/26 to Renee.

Pastor's Report:

Fr. Gideon will be at the annual spiritual retreat Friday 2/27 till Wed. 3/4 in Oconomowoc.

1. Finance council gives a report at our meeting, not official minutes. This should be reported as such.
2. Reminder to send commission/committee minutes to the secretary asap after a meeting.
3. Review of the procedure to approve the Pastoral Council minutes via email. The first person should second the motion. Remaining member should approve or approve with specified changes." Please respond by March 9th, 2026.

Commission/Committee Reports:

1. Prayer and worship- Warren B: Holy week doors to the church will be open at 8am for the blessed sacrament back in the gathering space at St. Charles.

2. Formation- Sr. Jennifer D- The parish has been very active lately. The formation group hosted Café Sunday for February. Soup and Stations was nicely laid out and attended. Coming up in March there will be Art & Prayer, Movie night, and praying with flowers. These activities are all highlighted in the bulletin. There will be book club at St. Romans in April and Month of Mary in May. They want to figure out how to bring things together with other parishes in the community.

3. Human Concerns - Reyna M- No report received at this time.

4. Home and School- Mary Ann- St. Charles was just recognized as a 5 star school. No meeting minutes from the last home and school meeting from Jan. 7th. The next home and school meeting is on March 11th you can attend in-person or via Zoom.

5. Parish life- Renee S.- The adult game day is coming up on March 21 and Kids game day March 22nd. Food will be walking taco's. Get your unwanted puzzles out so that you can drop them off at the puzzle exchange this summer first week in June. Vacation bible camp is Wed. June 17th from 9-3pm for kids in K-3rd grade cost is 10.00.

6. Stewardship- Catherine M.- No meetings right now because there are no members but Jenny Sczesny from the church office. Jenny did inform us that the church is getting a new website.

Finance Council Report: The church is going to be having a renovation done this summer. During the renovation Masses will be held in the gym.

Chairperson: MaryJo B.

We had issues with getting the “New” parish council members pictures up on the board in a timely manner, but they are up and displayed. Going forward Mary Jo is to be checking earlier with Jenny in the church office of where she is at with the process.

The meeting ended at 8:07pm with a closing prayer led by all.

Upcoming Meetings: March 25th, April 22nd, May 27th, June 24th

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Renee Segel as acting secretary.