

Minutes: St. Mary Parish Council Mtg, Mar 23, 2026; 6:30pm; Parish Center; **(subject to approval next mtg)**

1. Opening Prayer was said
2. Roll Call: Present: Fr. Paul, Beth Sadewasser, Lois Bries, Adam Scherbring, Larry Wille, Austin Greve (for Jim; arrived 6:40pm), Lisa Kies Absent: Gerald Bormann, Wendy Shea, Jim Schlueter, Jessie Young, Erin Schmelzer
3. Approve Agenda: Motion by Adam/2nd by Lois to approve the agenda as stated with the addition under new business of 'Use of Parish Buildings approved through Council'; all in favor; motion carried
4. Approve Minutes previous mtg: Motion by Larry/2nd by Fr. Paul; all in favor; motion carried.
5. Communications/Guests – none
6. Executive report – Fr. Paul reported he will be attending a meeting April 10th in Reinbeck. At this meeting the priests will be notified of pastorates and priest assignments throughout the diocese; April 11th will be the public announcement of pastorates and priest assignments.
7. Liturgy report—Wendy was not able to attend; nothing to report.
8. Stewardship report – Jessie was absent but provided the following info: group pictures are done; roster will list all members of a group even if not present for the picture.
9. Parish Life report – Lois reported coffee and donuts were served on March 22; had a good turnout; spring scripture study is done; will resume in the fall.
10. Social Concerns report – Gerald was not present; nothing to report
11. Faith Formation report – Erin was absent; no report provided
12. Finance Committee report – Austin reported replacement of rectory roof will start April 20th; Jim and Marv will work on the building report card;
13. Old Business
 - a) Rectory Roof – April 20th contractors scheduled to begin work;
 - b) 175th celebration
 - i) Directory – group is meeting on Friday and will setup parishioner photo dates
 - ii) Set Date for the Celebration:
 - (1) Since July 18/19th will be the first weekend Masses in the newly formed pastorates, it was decided that the celebration should be moved up; Rescheduled to June 21st. Tossed out ideas for week long celebration from 6/14-6/21(scavenger hunt; trivia, make float for 4th of July parade—each person to bring 4 or 5 ideas to the next meeting where the group will decide. For souvenirs – talked about t-shirts and pins; maybe 4 songs at Mass – one from 1800s; one from early 1900s; one from 1950 and one new song.
 - c) Scheduling of Gift Bearers: Adam suggested moving the sign up sheet for ministries from the confessional to the table in the back of church similar to the Adoration Sign up. Have a binder where readers, Euch Ministers, Mass Servers, Gift Bearers, etc can sign up in one spot.
14. New Business
 - a) Discussion on Councils, Committees and Commissions guidelines from archdiocese; Lisa informed the council that for this year there will be no elections; finance and parish council members will be appointed by the pastor. Pastorate Finance and Pastoral Commissions will be formed from members of each parish's finance and parish councils. Each council member needs to complete a survey by April 30th indicating their interest in continuing on the council and also their interest in serving on the pastorate councils.
 - b) Scheduling of people to put money in bags and take to bank – Saturday night someone is needed to be responsible for this; will try the sign up sheet again; Two are needed each Mass with one being a parish council or finance committee member or designee.
 - c) Use of Parish Buildings Approved Through Parish Council --- Erin informed the council via email that Clayton Co Law Enforcement will be using the old school building for training of the drug dog. The council stressed that use of the parish buildings by non-parish groups must be approved by the Council so they have an awareness; Requests should come through the parish office and be put on the agenda for the next council meeting. Council did approved the use by the Clayton County Law Enforcement
15. Closing Prayer was said
16. Next meeting, April 27, 6:30pm
17. Motion to adjourn made by Adam/2nd Lois; all in favor; motion carried;