

Minutes: St. Mary Parish Council Mtg, Dec 22, 2025; 6:30pm; Parish Center; **(subject to approval next mtg)**

1. Opening Prayer was said
2. Roll Call: Present: Fr. Paul, Gerald Bormann, Lois Bries, Adam Scherbring, Larry Wille, Jessie Young, Jim Schlueter, Wendy Shea. Absent: Beth Sadewasser, Erin Schmelzer; With Beth's absence, Jessie led the meeting.
3. Approve Agenda: Motion by Adam/2nd by Gerald to approve the agenda; all in favor; motion carried
4. Approve Minutes of previous meeting: Motion by Larry/2nd by Lois to approve minutes of prev meeting; all in favor; motion carried.
5. Communications/Guests - None
6. Executive report – Fr. Paul reported that 4 seminarians were ordained deacons in the archdiocese.
7. Liturgy report- Wendy reported that Fr. Paul approved older students to be readers at Mass
8. Stewardship report – nothing to report
9. Parish Life report – Coffee/Donuts held on the 14th; next one on 1/18; Christmas books being distributed; bible study starts in February.
10. Social Concerns report -Gerald reported all but 2 of 150 giving tree tags were taken. Great support!
11. Faith Formation report – no report
12. Finance Committee report – Jim reported the monstrance has been discontinued; will check with archdiocese to see if they have any; Boiler was inspected; Insurance Co did a walkthrough and had some minor findings; Christmas gifts were given to employees;
13. Old Business
 - i) Soccer Field: Beth provided a written document of thoughts; Jessie read the first part to the council. Since Lois was not present at the last meeting; Jessie asked Lois to provide her thoughts: Lois thought it should be sold with the money used to revamp the Brinkman Hall kitchen; Wendy indicated a correction was needed regarding her thoughts in Beth's document; Jessie asked each council member to provide their current thoughts: Larry indicated we should wait to sell; Gerald thinks we should wait but expressed concern over asking the parishioners and then not going with what they want; Adam said we should wait and continue our discussion; Jessie was in favor of selling; Fr. Paul said we should wait; Wendy said we should sell as that is what the parishioners wanted; Jim indicated the land is an asset and was concerned that we misrepresented the value to the parishioners – he wants to wait and see; Jessie read the rest of Beth's document and Beth feels that we should sell the property; Adam made a motion to table the sale until April when pastorate is know, proceed with resurveying(if needed) and proceed with rezoning from residential to commercial. 2nd by Jim; all were in favor except Jessie who was opposed; Motion carried; Jim to get with the city about rezoning; Lisa to check with lawyer to see if there is a valid survey.
 - b) Rectory Roof – contractor looking for a period of dry weather with temps above 30 degrees to do roof; soffits/gutters would be done in the spring.
 - c) Sale of Convent—survey has been recorded
 - d) 175th celebration
 - i) Directory – Jessie to get with Becky Shaffer
14. New Business
 - a) Kids Campus Daycare update – will be carried over to next month's meeting since Beth was not at the meeting to provide info;
15. Closing Prayer was said
16. Next meeting, January 26, 6:30pm
17. Motion to adjourn made by Gerald/2nd Adam; all in favor; motion carried; adjourned 7:40pm.