



Pastoral Council

**Mary of the Visitation
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, Feb 24th, 2026
West Campus, Becker**

1. Opening Prayer
2. Members Present
 - a. Fr Mike, Ron Dietl, Bill Lyons, Scott Marquis, Kelly Berglund, Sandi Ferris, Emily Adelman
 - b. [Parish Council 24-25](#)
3. Addition/Adjustments - Approval Jan 2026 Minutes
4. Parishioner Input - No Parishioners Present
5. Ministry Team Updates
 - a. Finance: Scott
 - i. Budget - primarily worked on the budget. Faith formation was the only missing one. Pretty much in line with last year. Change may happen as we merge the two buildings and two churches. Hasn't been officially approved yet. We will approve that in March. There is an audit on March 12. Lexi wants to have that done before the end of the fiscal year. On March 10th St Marcus will have an audit as well. We wanted to get ahead of that. Internal audit. Word is out that we are selling property. Rob Young is a party that is interested. He wants to be notified if and when we sell.. He didn't say exactly what he was planning. The big lake food shelf is also interested in renting or leasing.
 - ii. Flag Pole - a new 35 ft flag pole is up and a new flag is at the Becker campus. Father will bless the flag pole and flag. Jake Hensen will attend mass on March 3rd.
 - b. Liturgy: Father Mike & Sandi
 1. Kelly will be the volunteer to do the foot washing.
 - c. Building & Grounds: Ron
 - i. Most of the time was spent on the budget. James was a great leader in that process. Waxing the floors in Becker will be done in May or June sometime after Revive is over.

- ii. Plan to work on checklists and projects during the meeting time after all discussion is completed. Great idea and use of time.
 - iii. Storage Area in back of church - Becker - (Above Cry Room and Sacristy) - We need someone to do sheetrock mudding and taping. James and his crew finished the drywall project in Becker in 6 1/2 hours. Anyone you have a connection to who can finish the project let Emily or James know.
- d. Faith Formation: Emily
 - i. Faith Formation and Youth Group committees have combined.. Margaret is leading both. Meetings are once a month. High School Revive is tomorrow. Meeting in March to plan for next year. Lots of good feedback and trying to keep it as consistent as possible with the upcoming changes.
- e. Knights of Columbus: Bill
 - i. Watched the stations of the cross online. That was great. Margaret did a great job.
 - ii. Meeting last week. Food shelf will match the amount of money and weight of food. Gambling is still slow and down. Tends to happen in the winter. Trails in Becker has lost business. Lots of talk of trying to do more fundraising outside of the gambling realm. Talk of doing other fundraisers. Pull tabs do not have as much visibility. Bingo is a little better.
- f. Hospitality: Sandi
 - i. No updates
- g. Youth Group: Kelly
 - i. Castaway is coming up. and a good group
 - ii. Bacalaureat - May 27th - Haven't done one since Covid. Reaching out to other denominations to see if they would like to participate.
 - iii. March 8th - Confirmation retreat. Margaret is leading that.
- h. Outreach: Sandi
 - i. No updates
- i. Grief Group - Peter
 - i. Amber is still into some training. Hoping to get some training for the group and leaders.
- j. All Things New Committee - Emily/Father Mike
 - i. Our Plan was approved at the CAP meeting and by the Presbyterian Council. Then it will go to Bishop Patrick for final approval.. An individual letter will be sent by the Bishop to all families in the Diocese. They would like that to be sent in March or April. All of our committee members presented a portion of our plan. We are expecting families to go to other places. That should be expected. Typically attendance goes down about 1/3 right away. We are going to have a dip but will likely go back up after a year or so. Christ our Light

and St Andrews didn't have much to say during the presentation. Our message to all will be - "You are always welcome. You need to go where you are being spiritually nourished but always welcome here at MOTV." Amber and Emily are revamping the welcome and registration process and plans.

- ii. Emily -New Project/Proposal - (after Easter." "Faith Handed Down" - gather photos, stories, memory cards, email, interviews, letters, etc from parishioners. The final goal is to have a and end up with a physical item (book) of old priests, deacons, stories, memories,etc. Hopefully it will help bring healing and preserve the memories of the past at MOTV especially the Big Lake Campus. The MOTV All Things New Committee members will be asked to help in organizing the project. Any input please share with Emily and ideas or help that you can give let Emily know!! Amber met with Christ Our Light communications director to make plans and get their feedback. Emily will be the organizer and lead the project.
 - iii. What does the process look like for making plans and getting that process going.
 - iv. Planning and Brainstorming - Emily will put together a plan together and we
 - v. Gift bearers - Discussion
 1. Discussed ideas on how that might or could be changed. At this point we are going to leave it as is since at the 10 am masses that have Children's Liturgy of the word the kids bring up the gifts and during masses that have Baptisms the families do it. There aren't a lot that need to have volunteers chosen. We can remind the ushers to try to pick different families.
 - k. Boy Scouts Meeting - Ron - Planning/Discussion of BBQ Event - BBQ - we are going to officially kick it off. People that want to help the date is June 13th. 8 am - 3 pm.Revenue will go to the Boy Scouts and Youth Group. 8 am - 3 pm. Jeff is head of the boys scouts non profit 50-50 raffle. Could we utilize the tents that we have used at our Fall Festival? They are the property of Knights of Columbus. We can ask. Shouldn't be an issue. Ideas discussed to include: Gaga ball, Bingo, Root beer floats. Another meeting with them is next sunday before our next council meeting. Multiple organizations having help in planning the event.
 - i. Questions to discuss: Do we have insurance? Can we use our dumpster? Portable potties?
 - l. Closing Prayer
6. Next meeting - March 24, 2026 - Becker Campus