



Pastoral Council

**Mary of the Visitation
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, Jan 27th, 2026
West Campus, Becker**

1. Opening Prayer
2. Members Present
 - a. Father Mike, Ron Dietl, Bill Lyons, Scott Marquis, Peter Nguyen, Kelly Berglund, Sandi Ferris,
 - b. [Parish Council 24-25](#)
3. No Previous Meeting Minutes to Approve
4. Parishioner Input - No parishioners present
5. Ministry Team Updates
 - a. Finance: Scott
 - i. Renovations - Panic hardware on the front door was not working and the door was sticking. Both have been fixed. The panic button on the adoration door is not working at this point and is most likely just wearing out.. BCI gave us a bid for \$1800 to fix it. Scott looked it up on Amazon and can get the parts for \$300 and fix it in the spring. There are 2 broken seals on the front door window. Scott will get some bids for that. Most likely won't get that completed until spring. The gutter is in as well and looks good. Final payment for BCI will be due. Total out of pocket for the project including the two deductibles for new roofing was \$54,324.53. We got it completed under budget.
 - ii. The Building & Grounds committee wanted M & M Carpet cleaning to come out and clean the floors and carpets in Becker. That request was approved for \$2535.50. Whether we continue to use them and hire those services on a yearly basis will be dependent upon what the results are and if we are happy with them.
 - iii. Jay Snow and Landscaping had an issue with the amount that they wanted to be paid for removing some tree stumps. A check for \$1000 was sent to them. They wanted \$4000. The check was cashed so we are considering the issue resolved.
 - iv. Budget - We are looking at the next budget and have asked all committees to submit their budget requests by the end of February.

We will need to keep in mind that there may be some flexibility with the closing of the Big Lake Campus.

- v. Lexi has resigned. We will be with us until the end of the fiscal year. We will be looking for a new Finance Manager.

b. Liturgy: Fr Mike

- i. The committee is preparing for the season of Lent. Gretchen has met with members from St. Marcus to start building relationships, sharing resources, and making plans. St Marcus currently doesn't have a Liturgy Committee. There are individuals that help in training each of the different ministries.
- ii. Gretchen Roe is retiring. Plans are being made to post for the new position.
- iii. Mass Gift Bearers - We discussed a few different ideas on how to get more families involved and to sign up to serve at each mass. Currently the Ushers choose a family to ask as they enter church to ask them if they are willing to bring up the gifts.
 - 1. Use the scheduling system we have in place for the other ministries and have families be scheduled like all the other roles. Sandi will contact Emily and Amber and see if it would be an option.
 - 2. Use a sign of some kind hanging in the back of church indicating that a family is needed to bring them up. Families would see that it is an open position and the first family that grabs it could serve.

c. Building & Grounds: Ron

- i. The committee has been creating checklists for tasks that need to be accomplished at each location. If there is not a lot of information that needs to be shared or discussed, the committee is planning on using their meeting time to complete the tasks needed by using the meeting time as a working session.

d. Faith Formation/Youth Group: Kelly

- i. Lots of good feedback from both the Youth Group and Revive participants.
- ii. Youth Group recently completed a service project with Compassion Connection. Clothing was collected and sorted by size and gender to package. Very organized and great project. They completed it in ½ the time expected and what a worthy cause.
- iii. Margaret has taken on the coordination of Confirmation preparation.

e. Knights of Columbus: Bill

- i. Breakfast is continuing to do well. They are changing the times that it will be starting.

f. Hospitality: Sandi

- i. Giving Tree Items were organized, sorted, and delivered. The process was incredibly efficient. We sorted at each campus and then

volunteers took the items and delivered them to the locations that had asked for items.

- g. Outreach: Sandi
 - i. No updates
 - h. Grief Group - Peter
 - i. Met last week. Discussion about incorporating more than just grief of a lost loved one, but could be a loss of a parish. This could be something that we should include and discuss. Fr Mike will reach out to ask Fr Kevin about some resources that he could share with us. Peter will reach out to Amber as well.
 - i. All Things New Committee - Fr Mike
 - i. CAP meeting went well. The committee unanimously approved our first proposal. The committee has said that $\frac{1}{3}$ of families will most likely leave and go elsewhere but will oftentimes come back. There were five CAP committee members and Bishop Patrick was there as well. They have not sent anything big that we need to change or update. The Presbyteral Council will look at the plans and approve them as well. Each parish will be going through their process at their own speed.
6. Closing Prayer
7. Next meeting - ***Feb 24th, 2026 at 7pm in Becker***