Pastoral Council

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

1. Opening Prayer
2. Members Present
    a. Fr Mike, Ron Dietl, Scott Marquis, Kelly Berglund, Sandi Ferris, Emily Adelman, Peter Nguyen
    b. Parish Council 24-25
3. Addition/Adjustments - Approval Feb 2026 Minutes
4. Parishioner Input - No Parishioners Present
5. Ministry Team Updates
    a. Parish Council
        i. Andy Oeding - There is a fundraiser planned for May 1st at Pebble Creek on Friday, May 1st.
        ii. Bill Lyons has resigned from the Pastoral Council. We will fill his position in the summer. His term is up next year.
    b. Finance: Scott Mary of the Visitation
        i. Feb Finance Meeting Notes
        ii. Met last Tuesday. Finished plugging in the numbers for the budget. Nothing outstanding. We are pretty conservative with the budget.
        iii. Annual assessment from the Diocese went to a simpler formula. 10% of ordinary income.
        iv. Audit was done at Big Lake and St. Marcus. They went well and we are ahead in planning for our upcoming merger.
        v. Moving all checking accounts to Sherburne Bank and setting up auto payments for several utility payments.
        vi. The adoration door has been repaired. We will ask Building and Grounds if that has been done. . Did Buildings and Grounds fix it?

c. Liturgy: Father Mike & Sandi

   i. Feb Meeting Notes

   ii. Planning Holy Week Masses. Father Geno is going to help out with the 8 am Mass at MOTV.

   iii. Discussed moving of items to Becker from the Big Lake campus. Looking to survey items at our next meeting and decide what we will move to Becker and what can be given away or let go of.

   iv. Gretchen Roe is retiring. A retirement gathering is being planned in May. There have been two applications submitted so far. Hard position to fill.

   v. First Eucharist masses are coming up. Final details were discussed.

d. Building & Grounds: Ron

   i. James Adelmen is the new Chairperson on the committee. He is loving the job and is very good at it. Working on 2 bids. One is to fix the main driveway at Becker. They are going to get bids to pave the first 20-30 feet in the front driveway. James and Matt are going to drag the back driveway. The other bid is for a new hot water heater. Working on finishing the painting on the extension of the storage area Becker. There is paint in the basement. The committee will be cleaning out the basement at Becker.

e. Faith Formation: Emily

   i. Planning the Closing Celebration on May 6th. Knights of Columbus will grill for us. Attendance was down for Elementary Revive this month. Most likely due to illness and Spring Break. Working on registration for next year. Waiting for budget to be approved and dates and deadlines.

f. Youth Group: Kelly

   i. Castaway Retreat was last weekend. It was a great time. They are thinking of going back to having the retreat be in two weekends again. It used to be two weekends and has only been one in the past years.

   ii. Margaret is still planning a Bacalaureat. Have not gotten any responses from the other churches around. We will just plan it for our members that would like to join.

g. Knights of Columbus:

   i. Jeff Larch is the contact and chairperson of the Knights. Emily will contact him in the future for updates

   ii. No KC breakfast on Easter Sunday.

h. Hospitality: Sandi

   i. No Updates at this time

i. Outreach: Sandi

    i. No Updates at this time

j. Grief Group - Peter

    i. No Updates at this time

k. Updates from Amber

    i. Parish Renewal: The Visitation Continues: Remembering with Gratitude, Moving Forward with Hope the week of May 17. It will include an MOTV birthday party after Mass on Sunday the 17th, a speaker event, 1-2 events of story telling / remember the BL church and Perpetual Adoration after Mass on the 23rd till Mass on the 24th

    ii. There will also be an "estate sale" on May 9 - we will have items at the BL youth house for people to stop by and grab anything they might need before we donate items. The KCs will also be adding some items as they go through their areas as well.

    iii. Document shared with parishes: Diocese Grief Hospitality Book

l. All Things New Committee - Emily/Father Mike

    i. Plan was to send the out plan to all families in the parish. They will be publishing the plans soon. We are waiting for a few clarifications from the Diocese with our plan.

    ii. Closing Celebration - May 6th in Big Lake at 6 pm. Part of the time will be spent boxing up items from Big Lake as a type of service project. Buildings and grounds will be there to help in moving. Any Pastoral Council members that can attend that would be appreciated.

    iii. Estate Sale on May 9th at Youth House. Either Bishop or Father Vicar General to do the final mass. Will most likely have the final mass after July 1st. Closing mass could be during the week or a later mass on Sunday.

6. All Things New Committee Planning/Discussion

    a. Discussed proposed committees and the recommended members for them. Next meeting we will invite all members from the proposed committees.

7. Closing Prayer

8. Next meeting - April 28th, 2026 - Becker Campus