Pastoral Council

Mary of the Visitation
Pastoral Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, Oct 27, 2026

1. Opening Prayer
2. Members Present: Fr Mike, Sandi Ferris, Scott Marquis, Ron Dietl, Kelly Berglund
3. Addition/Adjustments - Approval of Past Minutes
4. Parishioner Input
    a. Four Parishioners attended and voiced concerns about the closing of the Big Lake Campus.
        i. The Bishop has to be the one that closes the church. The building is not officially closed until the bishop does that. There is concern about an article in the local paper that says that it has been closed. There are also rumors that everything has been taken out of the church already. Suggestions/requests were made to be able to use the building for funerals and weddings, and adoration/prayer time.
        ii. Father will ask the questions raised to the diocese. The Eucharist has already been removed. Father will let us know what the diocese says and get back to us.
5. Merger Update
    a. The decree has not been suspended. The decree is effective July 1st, 2027 and therefore cannot be suspended. You cannot suspend something that isn't effective yet. There has been an appeal made by a MOTV parishioner that we are waiting for a response. We have been advised to continue moving forward as planned.
6. Part-Time Maintenance Position and Business Administration Position
    a. This discussion was tabled at this time again until we have budget
7. Ministry Team Updates
    a. Finance: Scott
        i. Met last week. We still need to meet with Dana. We looked at purchasing a CD with some funds and closing some checking accounts primarily used in Big Lake to Sherburne Bank. Father will ask Dana to give Scott access to the Quickbooks files..

b. Liturgy: Father Mike & Sandi
    i. We talked about Ministry Training at Becker tomorrow. Tim has invited a parishioner to be a lead to train as needed.
    ii. One additional greeter has been added to greet and hand out worship aides and bulletins at the south door by the handicapped entrance.
c. Building & Grounds: Ron
    i. Cleaning out fathers garage. Moved extra tables and chairs to Becker campus.
d. Faith Formation & Youth Group: Emily & Kelly
    i. Revive is going well. Attendance has been decent and there has been positive feedback from small group leaders. This month we started an adult study MS/HS and got great feedback. St Marcus joins us once a month. Youth Fellowship has great attendance (30 + kids). Kids for Christ starts this week. The Young Adult group is growing. Excited to launch the Affinith
e. Knights of Columbus: Kelly
    i. Socks for Vets
f. Hospitality & Outreach: Sandi
    i. Nothing to report. Will connect with Amber about the Food Drive.
g. Staff updates - Amber & Emily
    i. None

8. All Things New Committee (Transitional Teams) Update
    a. Welcoming Committee Ideas
        i. Parish Book - Directory - MOTV & St Marcus combined
        ii. Accessibility at MOTV
            1. Greeter at the south door - to hand out bulletins and worship aids as discussed earlier
            2. Anniversary Celebrations and recognize the “big ones” - 25th, 50th, 60th, 70th…
            3. Donut Sunday - 3rd Sunday at St Marcus
            4. Fall Festival - Spring Picnic discussion
9. Tree Needs to be Removed
    a. Ron will connect with James and get it done
10. Next meeting - Nov 24th, 2026 - Becker Campus