

St. Mary & St. John the Baptist Joint Finance-Council Meeting

21 April 2026, 6:00 p.m.

Attendees: Fr. Matt Settle
Mark Cheslock, Chair, SM
Larry Konetzke, Chair, SJ
Tom Michalkiewicz, Treasurer Trustee, SJ
Chad Romzek, Treasurer Trustee, SM
Richard DeKleyn, Member, SM
Jane Julius, Member, SJ
Stan Martinson, Member, SJ
Terry Stinski, Member, SJ
Bob Streck, Member, SM
Dan Unruh, Member, SJ
Bill Walsh, Member, SM

Steve Siegel, Business Manager, (non-voting)
Barb Stinski, parishioner, SJ (non-voting)
Anne Hoernke, Secretary Trustee, SM (non-voting)

Excused: Chris VanderHeyden, Member, SJ

N.B. There was no March meeting due to the blizzard that week.

Introductory matters

Meeting convened at 6:02

Opening Prayer

Minutes Approvals

St. Mary February breakout meeting minutes approved unanimously on a motion by Bob Streck, seconded by Richard DeKleyn.

St. John February breakout meeting minutes approved unanimously on a motion by Tom Michalkiewicz, seconded by Dan Unruh.

February joint meeting minutes approved unanimously on a motion by Tom Michalkiewicz, seconded by Bob Streck.

Financials

Approvals

St. Mary financials approved unanimously on a motion by Richard DeKleyn, seconded by Bill Walsh.

St. John financials approved unanimously on a motion by Tom Michalkiewicz, seconded by Jane Julius.

Fundraising

Scrip sales are doing well, up \$10,000 per month over last year at this time.

As of the meeting, we have sold about a third of the raffle tickets: 270/800, plus whatever the office sold on the meeting date. This rate is a little behind last year. The Parish Celebration Committee is debating whether to sell item-prize tickets before the parish celebration; these raffles could compete with the cash raffle. If the cash raffle tickets were sold out early, the prizes could be raffled off at the parish celebration exclusively.

Parish celebration ramp-up is slow: the “charitable carousels” have not seen a lot of takers over the last few Masses, and the Sign Up Genius is going slowly.

The inaugural indoor golf scramble fielded thirteen foursomes and raised \$2,800.

Parish Support

Parish support at both parishes is above last year and budget. Each parish had an individual converting their weekly to annual giving which means this number is somewhat front-loaded.

Personnel

Musician

We now have three musicians: Kim on Sundays, Jennie assisted by her daughter on Saturdays, and Ron filling in for both, also playing organ.

Youth Ministry

Discussions continue, with the proposal for either a single five-parish youth minister, or two, one for Neenah, one for Menasha allowing more public-school outreach going to the pastors and DREs at their meeting on May 14.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

We would like to have a level-three catechist to serve the upper-grade students. The school has decided not to move forward with such a position, which will require fourth- and fifth-graders to change curriculum until such a person can be trained.

Other business

Budget

Need to think about to what degree the five-year plans will be integrated. A variety of cost increases have been identified in advance. Fr. Settle’s salary will rise 3.5%, as directed by the diocese, and the diocesan health-care plan will increase by 9%. Liability insurance will go up between 10–15%. St. Mary will have no change in its school subsidy, St. John’s will drop \$369. The school subsidy is currently set at approximately 35% of parish support. The diocese aims to reduce the subsidy to 25% in of parish support the near future.

Faith Formation

Numbers remain very low—single-digits signed up at every grade level, with only one prospective second-grader. Mass-attending families with children have increased, but they are largely homeschooled or attend St. Ignatius.

Square terminal

The terminal is up and running. We are charged 2.66% per transaction, 2.5% of which is charged to credit-card users. Debit-card users incur no fees. Steve to investigate further.

The meeting convened at 7:07 on a motion by Dan Unruh, seconded by Bob Streck, and unanimously approved.