

Suburban Southwest (SSW) Deanery Meeting - St. Bartholemew February 11, 2026

- The meeting began with the Lectio Divina for the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time followed by a reflective discussion with the committee members.
- Fr. Tim thanked Roza Hering for stepping up as our new chair.
- Roza outlined the purpose of our committee - to form and implement a Deanery Pastoral Plan. Elements of the plan will include:
 - ✓ **Marriage Ministry** - The Diocesan Marriage and Family Ministry will be introducing a new program for parishes which will include marriage mentoring. As part of this mentoring, they would like couples who may not yet be engaged, but in a serious relationship, be able to draw from their parish for support and guidance. A representative from their office will be invited to attend our April 22, SSW Deanery Meeting. The subcommittee working on the Marriage Ministry will suggest candidates as the liaison to work with the Diocese in this ministry.
 - ✓ **Mass and Confession** - Coordinate Mass times within our Deanery. Ideally offering options for Mass in the morning, mid-morning/noon, and early evening within 15 minutes of our parishes. It may be necessary to subdivide by locality (group churches) since some of our churches are 30 minutes apart from each other. Once we have determined and finalized Mass/Confession schedules it could be posted to a website.
 - ✓ **Youth and Young Adult Ministry** - Take a look at current programs being offered within our Deanery.
 - ✓ **Staff Formation** - No action will be taken yet since Roza was unsure of the details. She will reach out to Robert Koonce for more information.
 - ✓ **Veranova Health** -Veranova Health is dedicated to nurturing, restoring, and protecting the health and natural functions of patients and their families. The Diocese would like parishes to advertise and promote their services in the bulletin.
- Our job as committee members is to share what we are doing in our Deanery with our parishes. As a committee, we are able to set up a communication network with each other and share ideas in each of our areas of expertise. If there are questions or direction on policies, the Diocese is a resource we can utilize.
- It is important that we have representation on the SSW committee from all of our parishes. Roza asked that we assist in this process. For those parishes who share the same pastor, they would be the representative for both churches.
- Roza asked the committee members to make sure their parish advertise the SSW Week of Reconciliation, March 1-5. Fr. Tim sent the initial email to all pastors on January 24, and a reminder email on February 11. He asked that they publish the flyer in the bulletin the

weekend of February 7-8, and the *next three consecutive weeks*. The flyers were included as an attachment to those emails. Many of the parishes have not yet done so.

- Roza asked that we work on our goals and provide recommendations to the committee at our next meeting. She requested volunteers for each of the Committees:

Marriage	Mass and Confession	Youth and Young Adult
Deacon Jerry Blanda	Alan Bartholomew	Randy Kula
Mary Rose Beauman	Robyn Vavrek	Carol Wallington
Eric Perusek	Brian Baum	Allyn Pytel
	Tom Holzheimer	

- Roza will setup a Google Drive to post documents that could be utilized by the Committee members.
- Upcoming Meetings:
 - ✓ April 22 - St. Albert the Great
 - ✓ June 17 - St. Anthony of Padua
 - ✓ July 31 - St. Albert the Great - Assembly Meeting (Mass and luncheon meeting)
 - ✓ August 12 - St. Basil the Great
 - ✓ October 21 - St. Charles Borromeo
- The meeting ended with a prayer and blessing from Fr. Tim.