

St. Mary's Finance Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: May 5th, 2026

TIME: 5:53 pm

Members Present: Fr. Gross, Brendan Kennelly, Mike Bibow, John Colter, Jamie Sperle

Absent: Bill Marti, Tony Hodny, Paul Kalka

- I. Opening Prayer – Fr. Gross
- II. Review Agenda – No additions or corrections.
- III. Review Past Meeting Minutes – Motion to accept by B. Kennelly, 2nd by M. Bibow, passed.
- IV. Standing Reports
 - a. Daycare Report – Discussed staffing issues, including permanent license and other deadlines. An Assistant Director was hired and is taking care of some of these administrative issues, including signing up for a food program, and reaching out to parents who have called in in the past about vacancies about interviews. Will prepare a plan so that the provisional licensing issue can be rectified and for some other changes to take place.
 - b. Financial Report – Loan Statement from the Diocese was reviewed. There is a discrepancy on the Statement of Activities by way of the data entry with liabilities and expenses. Jackie is working with the Diocese on this issue. Remaining activities were reviewed. Will add a new line for May Fuka's wages. Phone contract is up with Midco but will continue with them as it will be less expensive than other bids, and they will also update their equipment.
 - c. Pastor's Report – Father reached out to the Grand Forks Youth Wrestling Program Director about using the gym facilities, and is waiting to hear back from him. Discussed funding for the All Saints Schools Network, and the parishes' contributions. Further discussions need to take place regarding St. Mary's participation. This weekend at the Masses will be the Ignite The Mission for the new Middle School. Additional information will be rolled out at later dates, as well as requests for soft commitments. Deacon G. Aberle received a monetary gift to go to a chalice, and as a gesture of thanks, would like to offer a Mass of Thanksgiving after his ordination. Five weddings are scheduled for the summer, which is the most since Father has been the pastor.
 - d. Maintenance – Lyle is meeting with Skinner Roofing about roof repairs. A call was put into Opp Construction about repairs to the gaps between buildings. Father and parishioners are going to take care of the grounds

over the summer. Father is going to talk to Lyle about some maintenance issues that need to be addressed.

e. Technology Report – There is a new bulletin publishing program that the parishes are being asked to use. That will happen in the upcoming weeks.

f. Personnel Report – See daycare report.

V. Additional Discussion – Nothing more to discuss.

VI. Next Meeting – Thursday, June 18th @ 5:45 pm.

VII. Closing Prayer – Fr. Gross

Adjournment @ 6:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted – Jackie Simon-Business Manager