

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
ST. MARY CHURCH – CARLYLE
6PM Tuesday March 18, 2025

1. The Council met at the rectory for a tour led by Randy Foster to gain a better understanding of its condition so potential upgrades can be considered. After the tour Council President Barb Cardwell called the meeting to order and Father Jose led us in prayer.
2. Secretary privately took roll call. In attendance were Father Jose, Barb Cardwell, Kevin Frank, Jane Beckmann, Brenda Knolhoff, Chad Holthaus, Joni Dorff, Corynn Wheelen, Macie Osborn, Joe Wilkerson, John Zieren and Gerard Luebbers.
3. Minutes of our last meeting from January 14, 2025 were previously approved via email.
4. Old Business
 - Macie has lined up volunteers for a general cleaning of the church this Spring. The carpet will be cleaned professionally. The Knights of Columbus will generously donate \$1500 to the cause.
 - Autenrieb Church Painting is still tentatively scheduled to repair and refinish water damage inside the church in May after First Communion and Confirmation.
 - Universal Church Directories will be here May 19 -25, 2025, to take pictures for the parish directory. A joint meeting with a team from St. Teresa was held on March 25 to finalize details.
 - Father suggested that we should first have a professional inspection done on the rectory so informed decisions can be made before making any upgrades and the Council agreed. Corynn is taking the lead on this.
5. New Business
 - Dave Beckmann volunteered his time and talent to put a new metal roof on the parking lot garage structure which was severely damaged during a recent storm. The estimated cost of material is \$3500, well under the insurance deductible of

\$15,000. A motion to proceed was carried. Volunteers will be needed once Dave is ready to proceed.

6. Committee Reports

- **Administration - Brenda secured an updated cost for labor and material from Rooters Asphalt of \$114,000 for the work that needs to be done on the church parking lot. Unfortunately, the condition has deteriorated to the point that the entire lot needs to be removed and hauled off prior to 3" asphalt is installed. Striping is included in the bid, so it is all-inclusive. The Finance Committee will need to review this expenditure. Fundraising will play a part in covering the cost.**

Cemetery

- **Gerard reported that no upgrades to Cemetery roads can take place until Spring or Summer.**

Social Outreach

- **Our parishioners stepped up again as a huge amount of clothing was donated during the recent clothing drive.**
- **66 casseroles were made and delivered to Cosgrove's Kitchen.**
- **The pork steak drive-thru is scheduled for Friday April 25.**

Youth Ministry – No report for this meeting.

Faith Formation – No report for this meeting.

Social Recreation

- **The recent basket bingo was a success. Thanks to all who volunteered!**
- **The reverse raffle was held on March 29. Thanks to Valerie Nolte and the large group of volunteers who worked hard to make this year's event another huge success!**
- **The pork steak drive-thru is scheduled for Friday May 2.**

Liturgy/Pastor Comments

- **Father Jose told the Council that Bev Schlau is serving as Parish Secretary on an interim basis.**

- The recent three-evening Lenten Mission was very well done by Father Paulson. Thanks to him for the excellent presentation, which was a great experience for those able to attend.
- A Vicariate level listening session was held on Monday March 31 at St. Dominic.
- The Lenten penance service at St. Mary will be Sunday April 6 at 3PM
- Father Pat Peter will be assisting with some of the Holy Week Services.

Adjournment/Closing Prayer

- Father Jose led us in prayer to close out the meeting.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 6PM on May 13, 2025. We will be joined by the St Teresa Parish Council for the early portion of the meeting.

Minutes taken and submitted by Kevin Frank, Secretary.