St. Joesph Pillar of Families Parish

Pastoral Council Meeting

July 21, 2026, Mora

Members present/absent.

Amy Udermann, Curt Wojciechowski (Vice Chair), Jared Barse (Chair), Jackie Leveille (Secretary), Rose Ryan, Brenda Lundberg, Amanda Peterson, Karen Renaud, Katie Kerr, Father Timothy Gapinski

Absent: Nancy Frerich, Rose Voss

Opening Prayer Father Timothy

1. Approved May 19th ACC Agenda – Motion by Father , second by Curt.
2. Building sub-committee updates:
   St. Louis Bertrand- Nancy
   St. Louis Christian Women: No bazaar in 2026. Donations have been approved and provided to nonprofits for the year. We will be scheduling an appreciation brunch for all the St. Louis Christian Women in the near future. Dates are being looked at now, looking sooner than later with schedules.
   Fellowship Social Committee: Fellowship socials continue to go well. Continuing to observe numbers for future and continuing with socials for now. This has been a beautiful opportunity for the committee and all that partake in coming to the socials since 2019.
   Grounds and Beautification Committee: No Meetings.
   St. Louis/St. Mary's Lifelong Faith Formation: St. Mary's will provide an update for the parishes.
   Finance Council, New FC established.
   Milaca Elim Home monthly Bingo: Monthly volunteers provide a bingo night at the Milaca Elim Home, headed by Karen Swenson. Both St. Louis Bertrand and St. Mary's, Milaca assist with this.

   St. Mary's Milaca – Amy
   ACC Totus Tuus: at St. Mary's, Milaca finished on July 16 for grades 7-12. (24 kids) and July 17 for grades 1-6 (40 kids).
   Discernment Retreat: July 28-30 at St. Mary's, Milaca. This year we are inviting the community for a mini mission within the Discernment Retreat on Wednesday, July 29. The topic is "Equally Yoked" and will be presented by Dr. Mary Ruth Hackett. Forty students registered, eight over 18, 13-14 4 th -6 th graders.
   Guild: Fall Garage Sale is being planned.
   Mom's Group: has started up again on a new day, Thursdays. Mom's group is a casual group that meets twice a month. Each meeting gives the children an opportunity to be at the church to create memories and foster friendships with other Catholic children. Each meeting also allows moms to talk to one another, get to know each other and open conversation with one another
   that time does not allow at other parish events. The children play with toys, color and do Catholic crafts and activities. Moms group also maintains, cleans and provides Mass bags & books and adoration coloring and quiet children activities to keep the children involved in our family and community on their level.
   Grow In Virtue Faith Formation Classes: in summer break, starting back up on September 15.
   Lifelong Faith Formation: kick off in September as well.
   OCIA Classes: Three people attending classes at this time.
   Sunday Social: First weekend in August following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

St. Kathrn's -Rose
St. Kateri Celebration: July 12th, had a good turnout approximately two hundred people.
ATN Subcommittee: has been meeting and discussion transition process.
Building: The door locks have been changed. Working on ways to minimize utilities.
Father will add an article in bulletin about St. Kathryns being closed.

St. Mary's, Mora -Amanda
Building updates: The final window in the large room has been ordered. We still need to raise money for the one in the kitchenette of the Church basement.
Family Faith Formation/ Youth Events/Adult Classes: Lee Ann is working on curriculum ordering for the upcoming year.
Events committee: There is a flyer that Amanda created listing upcoming events for the St. Joseph, Pillar of Families with a list of events scheduled for the next few months.
St. Mary's Mora & St. Kathryn's Knights of Columbus: They have their schedule posted for the 2026-2027 year. Starting with pancake breakfast in August.

3. Old Business
   A. Amended Constitution-1st Reading -Will make changes as recommended and there will be a second reading at next meeting. Final changes next meeting Jared Barse
   B. Amended Bylaws-1st Reading Jared Barse
   C. All Things New Transition in Process Father Timothy
   D. Website domain name- St. Joesph Pillar of Families, SJPOF : by a vote of four to three parish council has recommended the naming of St. Joesph Pillar of Families.
   E. Final use of space/items for St. Kathryn's and St. Louis Bertrand: In the process of determination of sending out forms to see if people have donated items or have something special about items to be transitioned. Forms are developed and people can send to Brenda. Brenda will share process form. Example: Rose Voss requested : Plants.
   F. St. Annes chapel: Approximately 40 people attended, the feed back from surveys to be reported. The pastoral council is recommending that Father make the decision to keep St. Annes Chapel in St. Joesphs Pillar of Families parish.
4. New Business
   A. Select Pastoral Council Officers for 2026-2027 – Chair: Rose nominated Jerad and nomination was seconded by Curt. Vice Chair: Jared nominated Curt and nomination was seconded by Amy. Secretary: Father Timothy nominated Amanda for secretary and Curt seconded. Amanda will take over secretary position at the next meeting.
   B. Mass Time Change- No Feedback Father Timothy
   C. Eucharistic Procession Feedback – Comments that the procession moved too fast, acceptable to move back and forth between Milaca and Mora rotating each year, recommended to shorten route at the school for next time in Milaca- Jared Barse
   D. Deacon Pete Tran-Welcome/Deacon Ken-Retiring Father Timothy
   Deacon Ken will be retiring at the end of December.
   E. Additional Items: Father asked: Thoughts on financial information in the bulletin. Recommended combining as one report in the bulletin.

5. Set next meeting: Sept 29, 6:00pm St. Joesph Pillar of Families, Milaca.

6. Closing Prayer- Father Timothy