

Four Pillars in Faith ACC
Pastoral Council Meeting
April 22, 2025 – St. Mary's Mora

Attendance: Father Timothy Gapinski; Jared Barse, ACC Chair, St Mary's Milaca; Kris Archibald, Administrative Assistant, St. Mary's Milaca; Rose Ryan, Trustee St. Kathryn's Ogilvie, Brenda Lundberg, St. Kathryn's Ogilvie; Amanda Peterson, Administrative Assistant, St. Mary's Mora/St. Kathryn's Ogilvie; Karen Renaud, Trustee St. Mary's Mora; Katie Kerr, St. Mary's Mora, Jackie Leveille, ACC Pastoral Council Secretary/St. Mary's Milaca Trustee

Absent: Amy Udermann, Parish Associate St Louis Bertrand Foreston, Nancy Frerich, Trustee St. Louis Bertrand Foreston, Curt Wojciechowski, ACC Vice Chair St. Louis Bertrand, Foreston, Rose Voss, St Kathryn's Ogilvie

Opening Prayer: Father Timothy

1. Amend meeting agenda move survey to new business
2. Meeting Minutes approved for March 27, 2025, Four Pillars in Faith ACC Meeting Minutes by email prior to meeting

2. Old Business

A. Themes for Chairperson Bulletin

Jared Barse

A brief discussion occurred about possible ideas for the chairperson to discuss in the semi-annual bulletin update.

B. Update on All Things New Planning Committee

Father Timothy

Father stated that the committee had been formed and had met. It also attended a presentation by the diocese to all the ACCs of the eastern deanery to learn more about the process.

3. New Business

A. Parish/ACC firearms policy

Jared Barse

A parishioner brought a concern about a person open carrying a sidearm at St. Mary's Milaca. The council discussed the various political, legal, and spiritual aspects of the situation. It was recognized that the parishioner's concerns were valid, but it was also recognized that crafting a policy would be difficult and enforcing it would be difficult. The council did not make a recommended action on the issue.

B. Survey Results

Katie Kerr

The council continued reviewing the survey. It was agreed to continue with a yearly survey to gain parishioner feedback and to focus on special issues. The remainder of the survey will be reviewed at the next meeting.

C. Parish sub-committee updates

St. Louis Bertrand, Foreston- Nancy Frerich

St. Louis Christian Women

The Women's Spring Eastern Deanery Meeting was held on April 12, 2025, from 9:30am-11:00am. The Presentation is the Veil of Veronica by Vicky Gruba. The ladies in attendance very much enjoyed the meeting and presentation.

Fellowship Social Committee

Fellowship socials have been going great! A beautiful opportunity for the committee and all that partakes in coming to the socials.

The Grounds and Beautification Committee

As May is approaching, projects are on schedule to be completed. And Committee members will obtain volunteers as needed for the projects. So, we appreciate the great involvement we have in this committee to accomplish the needs of our Parish. Beautiful lay ministry and participation. The projects that are in need should be minimal cost as we have donations to cover them.

Knights of Columbus Holy Family Council 11856, St. Louis Bertrand/St. Mary's, Milaca Fish Fry's went great during lent at St. Louis for the K of C, they did a wonderful job!

Faith Formation Lifelong St. Mary's/St. Louis Bertrand
St. Mary's has provided an update for the parishes.

Finance Council

The Meeting is scheduled for April 29, 2025.

Milaca Elim Home monthly Bingo

Monthly volunteers provide a bingo night at the Milaca Elim Home headed by Karen Swenson. Next date is April 23, 2025.

St Kathryn's Oglivie - Rose Ryan

Easter egg hunt after mass on Easter Sunday, attended by many children.

Our Yearly Plant and Bake sale are coming up on the 2nd weekend in May.

Cemetery Cleanup Day April 30th with help from Students from Oglivie School.

St. Mary's Milaca- Kris Archibald

Light Meal Following Stations of the Cross on April 11: 40 people attended Stations of the Cross and 30 people stayed for the meal.

ACC Potluck and Bowling in Milaca on April 21: 43 people joined for the potluck at Reineke Park and 40 people bowled at Back Alley Bowl.

ACC Sr. Class Mass and Banquet is being held on May 18, 12:00 noon at St. Mary's, Milaca. Invitations have been mailed out to the seniors and their parents. Letters were sent to the juniors and their parents to ask for their help in hosting the Banquet.

Ordination - Deacon Nathaniel Daubner's ordination to the priesthood will be held on Saturday, June 7 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud. His First Mass will be held the next day, Sunday, June 8 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Mary's, Milaca. An invitation will be in the bulletin this weekend for both events. RSVPs are requested for both events.

St. Mary's Mora- Amanda Peterson

Subcommittee report for 4/22/25

Monthly work group is hosting the Annual Spring Salad Luncheon on Friday April 25th from 11 am to 1: 1:30 pm

Six students receive their first communion on Sunday April 27, 2025, during the 10 am Mass.

Four Students receiving Confirmation on Sunday May 4th at 2 pm at St. Mary's Milaca

The Event Planning Committee met and thought it is a great idea to expand our group to help plan more activities and events through our ACC parishes. BBQ and Swimming is being held on Friday, August 8, 2025.

4. Additional Items

Father asked about first communion dates regarding traditions of the parishes, first weekend May, having on the same date? Also, possible changes to confirmation dates and perhaps having confirmation at the cathedral.

5. Next meeting: May 27, 2025

Closing Prayer: Father Timothy