

**Four Pillars in Faith ACC
Pastoral Council Meeting
October 28th, 2025, St. Louis Bertrand - Foreston**

Attendance: Father Timothy Gapinski; Amy Udermann, Parish Associate St. Louis Bertrand Foreston; Jared Barse, ACC Chair, St. Mary's Milaca; Kris Archibald, Administrative Assistant, St. Mary's Milaca; 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: Nancy Frerich, Trustee St. Louis Bertrand; Curt Wojciechowski, ACC Vice Chair St. Louis Bertrand, Foreston; Rose Ryan, Trustee St. Kathryn's, Ogilvie; Rose Voss, St. Kathryn's, Ogilvie

Opening Prayer: Father Timothy

1. Agenda approval

2. Old Business

A. All Things New update

Father Timothy

All things new committee finalized plan and submitted to diocese yesterday. No official vote took place, possibly another week or so. Wait till all plans come in from the dioceses and may not know final plans till May.

3. New Business

A. St. Mary's – Mora Music/Bible Study Group

Father Timothy

A group that has a connection through AA program would like to contract the use of ongoing usage of the parish center for Music and Bible study. Recommend allowing rental of center in Mora on condition of statement of non-affiliation in all advertising and to be read at the beginning of each gathering as well as a clause to cancel contract at any time.

B. Parish Mission – November 23rd

Father Timothy

ACC Event: Cardinal Burke will be presenting on building HOLY FAMILIES. This is a big thing, and very cool. Father Timothy and Mr. Gregory Gall of Catholic United Financial will be speaking about end of life decisions and power of attorney. Father Robert Altier will be speaking about the importance of marriage and dating. Encourage people to show up.

C. November Memorial Masses

Father Timothy

November 11, 6:00 p.m. St. Louis Bertrand

November 13, 6:00 p.m. St. Kathryn's

Saturday, November 22nd, 9am Mass (location pending) for all the deceased Knights of Columbus - both councils.

Thanksgiving Mass
Thursday, November 27th, 9am at St. Louis Bertrand

Immaculate Conception Mass
Sunday, December 7th, 5pm at St. Mary's, Milaca
Monday, December 8th, 8am at St. Mary's, Mora
Monday, December 8th, 6pm at St. Kathryn's

Christmas Eve
4pm at St. Mary's, Mora
7pm at St. Mary's, Milaca

Midnight Mass, St. Louis Bertrand, Foreston
Christmas Day, 9am at St. Kathryn's, Ogilvie

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
December 31st, 6pm at St. Mary's, Mora
January 1st, 8am at St. Mary's, Milaca
5pm at St. Louis Bertrand, Foreston

D. Ideas for next Chairperson Bulletin Update Jared Barse

Jared will have ready for the Jan 4th bulletin. Connection between ACC and parishioners.

E. Parish sub-committee updates

St. Louis Bertrand: Nancy

St. Louis Christian Women

ACC Summer Picnic is complete and went very well.
The 51st Annual Mission Bazaar and Raffle will be held at St. Louis November 22, 2025. All are welcome to attend!

Fellowship Social Committee

Fellowship socials continue to be going great! A beautiful opportunity for the committee and all that partake in coming to the socials.

The Grounds and Beautification Committee

Projects are on schedule to be completed. As the cobblestone on the south side of the church is already done, the cobblestone will need to be tended to soon for the south side of the parish center. Also, the steps to access the rectory were done, the old cement was removed, and wood steps were added, these will be painted in a few weeks including benches on the exterior of the church and chapel. The shed will also be painted in the next few weeks. Committee members will obtain volunteers as needed for the additional 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
Meeting 10/28/2025 at St. Louis Bertrand in the meeting room.

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

Finance Council

Fiscal Year end was complete along with budget and everything looked good and went well. No additional updates.

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: Kris

Frassati Play – The video presentation of the Open Window Theatre play, Frassati, was held at Paradise Theatre in Mora on Saturday, September 20. There were 112 attendees. The feedback was positive.

St. Mary's Guild Fall Garage Sale was held September 11 and 12 and was successful.

St. Mary's/St. Louis Lifelong Faith Formation – The Kick-off went well. This year's theme is Apologetics and Marriage and the Family. There is a section on the last page of the bulletin each week to encourage, support, and provide resources to help strengthen marriages and families. The November 5 class will feature Fr. Timothy presenting on Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture and the Canon of the Bible.

Demographics:

Lifelong Faith Formation: 46 families; 62 in grades pre-k through 6; 47 in grades 7-12.

OCIA: Classes have started and we have 3 non-Catholics and 3 Catholics who are seeking further education and remaining sacraments.

Honoring Veterans – We will display veterans' photos again this year from November 9-16.

ACC Parish Mission featuring Cardinal Raymond Burke, Fr. Timothy, Mr. Gregory Gall, and Fr. Robert Altier will be at St. Mary's, Milaca on November 23 from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Tree removal of 10 trees on the north side of property.

St. Mary's Guild Baby Shower to benefit the Rum River Life Choices Center was very well attended and many donations were given for the RRLCC.

Quilt Sale for Seminarian Nicholas Daubner was held.

Cinnamon Rolls for the 2026 Discernment Retreat have been well supported. The next Cinnamon Roll sale will be in January.

St. Kathryn's: Rose

Craft and Bake Sale with Soup Luncheon will be held on Friday, November 21st, from 7 am to 3:30 pm. Lunch starts at 11 till soup is gone. Our

Advent Social will be November 30th at 9 or 9:30 am with crafts for all ages and snacks.

Preparing for Advent and Christmas throughout December.

Parking Lot - A deposit was put down on parking lot; possibly will be completed in spring.

St. Mary's, Mora: Amanda

Building updates: Two of the Church basement windows have been replaced (one set in place). The second set has been ordered and waiting for arrival.

Family Faith Formation/Youth Events/Adult Classes - Class has been meeting. This year the families will be focusing on different saints; 8th & 9th grade students are doing the Theology of the Body program; 10th & 11th grade students are preparing for Confirmation.

Box City was a fun event for those who participated. The speaker had some very good discussion points on what it is to be a refugee leaving a war-torn country.

NET Lifeline Mass events have been well attended. The next one is November 1st.

The Adult Bible Study group is meeting again on Tuesday afternoons at 1 pm. The topic right now is watching the Chosen series, season 3.

OCIA - There are no OCIA candidates at this time.

Events Committee Turkey Bingo is scheduled for Sunday, November 2nd in the Parish Center starting at 11:30 am. No solid plans for Advent or Christmas yet.

Family Movie - Looking into having another family movie afternoon in January to watch "The King of Kings" at the Paradise Theatre in Mora.

St. Mary's & St. Kathryn's Knights of Columbus - They usually have a meeting the first Wednesday of each month and a breakfast fundraiser one Sunday after Mass in the St. Mary's Parish Center.

4. Additional Items:

Father Timothy is sponsoring Wisdom, Wit, and Wine Nov 10th, 2025. Topic: Community Building. Place TBD.

5. Set next meeting: December 16th, 2025, St. Mary's, Mora

Closing Prayer: Father Timothy