

**Four Pillars in Faith ACC
Pastoral Council Meeting
March 27, 2025 – St. Louis Bertrand**

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

Opening Prayer: Father Timothy

1. Meeting Minutes approved for January 14, 2025, Four Pillars in Faith ACC Meeting Minutes by email prior to meeting

2. Old Business

A. Update on All Things New Planning Committee

Father Timothy

All things new planning committee there are nine or ten members, the diocese will be coming out to present this Saturday. All information will be presented at that time. The meeting with the planning committee will be for a couple of months after that. Communication will take place as meetings progress.

B. Sub-committee meeting (delayed) update

Amy Udermann

Updates for the next meeting.

3. New Business

A. Holy Week and Easter Planning

Father Timothy

Rotating services between ACC parishes and alternating. Flipping locations was difficult for elderly, many liked the rotating services. It was noted that some at St. Katherine's felt left out with no Ash Wednesday service. The goal is to rotate Holy Day and special services each year. The Council and Father acknowledged that there are challenges to rotate amongst parish. In regards to Good Friday services, Father talked about 12 noon and 3 pm and the significance of the times of services. We have Father Ron Dockendorf helping with Easter services.

B. Survey Results

Katie Kerr

Lengthy discussion of survey results. We will continue this at the next meeting.

C. Parish sub-committee updates

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St. Louis Christian Women

The deanery meeting was held and participation from St. Louis Bertrand Christian women and St. Mary's Guild participated. St. Louis Bertrand will be hosting the Women's Spring Eastern Deanery Meeting on April 12, 2025, from 9:30am-11:00am. The Presentation is the Veil of Veronica by Vicky Gruba. All are welcome to attend! Christian women's meetings will begin again now in April. Please watch the bulletins for details and upcoming events.

Fellowship Social Committee

Fellowship socials have been going great, nice to have another family involved, Chris and Katy Juetten. Looking at adding additional members for that week and continuing with the growth of this beautiful opportunity for the committee and all that partake in coming to the socials.

The Grounds and Beautification Committee

The meeting was held on March 1, 2025. 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 have been going very well, and the K of C have been doing an excellent 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 2025.

St. Mary's, Milaca March 27, 2025, Updates for ACC Pastoral Council Meeting
St. Mary's, Milaca- reported by Kris Archibald

St. Mary's, Guild – The Mother/Daughter Banquet in February was well attended. The Spring Garage Sale is May 21-23. Items can be brought to the church on May 19 and 20.

St. Mary's/St. Louis Bertrand Lifelong Faith Formation – Next week our guest speaker for Faith Formation is Fred Blonigen. He will present the topic Holy Habits: Spiritual Armor for Spiritual Warfare. Fred is being awarded a prestigious award, Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice, from Pope Francis on April 3. Archbishop Hebda nominated him and will award him and four other educators. It is the first time ever this award has been given by the Pope to educators.

Lite Meal Following the Stations of the Cross will take place at St. Mary's on April 11.

Grounds – Phase one of our tree trimming/removal has been completed. Parishioners are taking the wood.

Confirmation – Confirmation for the ACC will be held on Sunday, May 4 at St. Mary's, Milaca at 2:00 p.m. Bishop Neary will be presiding.

Sr. Class Mass and Banquet – May 18 at 12:00 noon at St. Mary's, Milaca for all graduates in the ACC. The 8:00 a.m. Mass will be canceled for that day.

Ordination - Deacon Nathaniel Daubner will be ordained a priest on Saturday, June 7 at St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud at 10:30 am. His First Mass and Reception will be held the next day, June 8 at St. Mary's, Milaca at 3:00 p.m.

ACC Potluck Meal & Bowling Event in Milaca – April 21

St. Kathryn's – Reported by: Rose Ryan

St Kathryn's Happening-

We held a February Tea and luncheon; the idea was to share the time with memories and friendship.

March Bereavement was St Kathryns turn to host, Led by Rita Claseman.

March 15th was our **Spring salad luncheon and bake sale**. Rainbows "Connecting Heaven to all of earth" very colorful. Sara Ryan came and sang "Somewhere over the rainbow" what a beautiful voice! Then Karen the frog, not Kermit he was busy, came and led us in a sign along of "Rainbow Connections." Lots of door prizes and Bake goods. Ended with a thanksgiving blessing.

Lenten Soup supper and stations are in progress, we also have been watching the chosen series. We are halfway through Lent and hope to see our attendance grow. Some of our St Kathryns Ladies have joined the Bible Study at St Mary's Mora are really enjoying the Chosen series.

The next couple of months will be busy with **preparation for Easter week** and our **Plant Sale** much help is needed.

St. Mary's, Mora- Amanda Peterson

Event Planning committee hosted a movie day last month and around seventy parishioners from all parishes attended this free event.

A couple weeks ago we hosted Ham Bingo. There were eighty people from our parishes and the public here to play. It was a lot of fun.

The Monthly Work Group is planning the **Spring Salad Luncheon**. That will be Friday, April 25th in the Parish Center.

The St. Mary's, Mora and St. Kathryn's Knights of Columbus have been hosting **Fish Fries on Friday during Lent**. There have been between 100-150 people attending these.

This year there are four students from St. Mary's, Mora who will be receiving **Confirmation** this May.

Hannah is looking for more **volunteers to help sing** in the choirs this year during **Holy Week and on Easter**.

St Mary's/Kathryn Guild group has stopped meeting over the winter and might start meeting again this summer.

St. Mary's, Mora is still looking for a **Cemetery grounds care worker** for this summer season.

4. Other

A. Publish the ACC meeting on the calendar of events.

B. Jared asked to bring ideas for the biannual Chairperson letter to the next meeting.

5. Set next meeting: April 22, 2025, St.Marys, Mora

Closing Prayer: Father Timothy