

**Four Pillars in Faith ACC**  
**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**  
**March 10, 2026**                      **St. Kathryn's - Ogilvie**

Members present

St. Louis Bertrand: Amy Udermann (via phone)  
St. Mary's, Milaca: Jared Barse (Chair), Kris Archibald (via phone)  
St. Kathryn's: Rose Ryan, Rose Voss, Brenda Lundberg  
St. Mary's, Mora: Amanda Peterson, Karen Renaud  
Father Timothy Gapinski

Members Not Present

Nancy Frerich, Curtis Wojciechowski, Jackie Leveille, Katie Kerr

Opening Prayer, prayed with Father Timothy

1. Approved agenda

2. Parish sub-committee updates

A. St. Louis Bertrand: Amy presented –

- Knights of Columbus Fish Fries - going well. 2 weeks remaining. March 13 and 20.
- Christian Women have resumed meetings on Monday, March 2.
- Fellowship Socials will continue, serving 50 – 80 people each Saturday.
- The Grounds and Beautification Committee will meet in the spring.
- St. Anne's Chapel needs adorers for 2 open hours:
  - Mondays from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
  - Saturdays from 3:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m.
- Souper Bowl of Caring on Super Bowl Sunday
- Mille Lacs Soil Service used our facility for a meeting in February. They gave feedback that the St. Louis Parish Center facility was a great space.
- Stations of the Cross were held for 3 weeks on Fridays this Lenten season at St. Louis Bertrand – well attended.
- St. Louis Bertrand will have a 4:00 p.m. Mass on Holy Thursday.

B. St. Mary's, Milaca Kris presented -

- **Souper Bowl of Caring** – This year marked 18 years that our parish has collected monetary donations on Super Bowl Sunday for the Milaca Area Pantry.
- **Mom's Group** – After taking a winter break, they will begin meeting after Easter.
- **Cinnamon Roll Sales** – The support has been very good. The profits will be used to offset the costs of the Discernment Retreat being held this July.

- **St. Mary's/St. Louis Lifelong Faith Formation** – All is going well. Each month a guest speaker is featured and we are happy with the parent and parishioner turnout and the positive feedback we have been receiving.
- **Grow In Virtue Faith Formation Classes** – We now have 43 children and 11 adults in the program. They meet twice a month on Tuesdays.
- **OCIA Classes** – We have a total of 9 people attending classes, of which 4 are Catholic adults who are coming to learn more about the faith.
- **Stations of the Cross** will be held at St. Mary's on Friday, March 13, 20, and 27. We will offer a lite meal following the Stations on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

***Upcoming Events:***

- St. Mary's Guild Mother/Daughter Banquet will be held on Sunday, March 22. All women and their friends and family are invited.
- The movie, *Triumph of the Heart*, will be shown on Saturday, March 28 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Mary's, Milaca
  - Not recommended for children under 13
- Free ACC bowling event at Back Alley Bowl in Milaca on Monday, April 6 from 1-3:00 p.m. – RSVP as spots are limited
- Our ACC Totus Tuus will be held at St. Mary's, Milaca on: July 12-16 for grades 7-12 and July 13-17 for grades 1-6
- Discernment Retreat will be held 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.

C. St. Kathryn's, Rose Ryan presented –

- **January**  
We had our winter Tea, our numbers were down, but we had some new faces very enjoyable relaxed time. Also had a Minnesota Hot dish evening with a bake sale, went very well, ran out of food, had so many good comments. Was free will offering.
- **February**  
Started preparations for Lent. Ash Wednesday, we had noon Mass with Ashes, was very well attended. We had an Ash service following our FFF sessions for our families, the children were really interested in the ashes and why we did it.  
Started our Soup Suppers and Stations on Wednesday evening. Its been joyful and a little sad sharing the evening with Parishioners from the 4 pillars
- **March**  
Continuing our soup suppers and stations. We will be hosting the Bereavement gathering and luncheon on Thursdays the 12<sup>th</sup>, set up for Salad luncheon the 13 and Salad Luncheon and Program on the 14<sup>th</sup> theme is Now thank we all our God. Woodbury Concert the 15 to support local food shelves at St Marys in Mora at 4. Then preparing for Palm Sunday Saturday Service.  
Easter egg hunt and baskets planned for Easter

D. St. Mary's, Mora Amanda presented –

- **Building updates:**

Church basement windows-the second and third set have been installed.

A hearing assist system has been installed. There are two options for people to use the new system. The first is if they already have hearing aids and can connect to their smart phone via blue tooth. This would allow the person to down load a free app that connects them to the hearing assist system for free. The second option is a receiver device the person would wear. Each receiver is about \$200.00. We have done one training date for the two options. After a couple weeks we will see how things are going or if another training date is needed.

The gathering space has been re-arranged for a more welcoming space.

- **Family Faith Formation/ Youth Events/Adult Classes-**

We are finishing up our year on the saints and heroic virtues this year.

Families teamed up to learn and present on saints this year. Teaching others really builds another layer of understanding about a topic. It also builds confidence in discipleship and apologetics. I feel it has been very successful. We will be having a Saint 'wax' museum in April. Families will have a family member dressed as their saint along with a poster board with details about their particular saint. The parish at large will be invited to come and visit the museum of saints in the parish center.

12 students and 4 adults from our ACC are attending Castaway March 20-22. The camp filled up completely this year. We are very excited to go. Please pray for good weather so we can enjoy some outdoor activities while we are there.

First Communion and Confirmation are coming up. We will have 4 students for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion and 4 for Confirmation. Confirmation will be at the Cathedral in St. Cloud this year.

Turn out for the Lifeline Masses this year has been amazing. Between our ACC and Isanti Area ACC we averaged between 25 and 30 people each time.

Lock-in event has been postponed to a time that is less busy.

ACC Graduate Mass and Banquet scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup> at the 10am Mass at St. Mary's, Mora. The congregation will be able to congratulate all the graduates at the Mass. The banquet will be just for graduate and family members.

- **Events committee**

The last movie event was "King of Kings" which was well attended. The next movie date is Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's in Milaca. The movie is "Triumph of the Heart", which is not suggested for children under the age of 13.

We had the mini-mission event on February 1<sup>st</sup>. There was a lot of good feedback on the speakers and topic. There was around 80 people who stayed after the meal.

Ham Bingo is scheduled for Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> starting at noon.

The Spring Salad Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 11am.

- **St. Mary's & St. Kathryn's Knights of Columbus:** They have Fish Fries through Lent.

E. Discussion regarding above updates, question of "What is the sense of pastoral life of the ACC." Currently so much with All Things New, once done with that, can focus more. All happenings are in the bulletin. But could "advertise" and let folks know all the things/groups in the ACC, make more visible, put out what we have. 'Booths' of each group. Difficult to do with 4 sites. Let people know what options are available. There are lots of activities, fun things to keep people coming together.

### 3. Old Business

A. All Things New Discussion - Father Timothy:

- Still finalizing transition team (had asked people to let him know if interested in being on the committee). Mostly set, will include most of the staff, a number of parishioners, and each parish will then also have a subcommittee. Subcommittees to discuss specifics with each parish closing i.e. stained glass, etc.
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> Bishop is expected to finalize all decrees. Speculation some may be earlier, simple ones.
- Intension is still July 1<sup>st</sup> expectation priests are only doing 3 Masses/weekend so ACC will lose 1 Mass. Expect to discontinue at St. Kathryn's. Discussed if reduce to one Sat. Mass do we keep the other Mass time on Saturday the same or change the time. Consensus was to keep same 4pm time with social after.
- Potentially may be end of the year before transition to 3 Masses at 2 sites.
- Recommendations based on discussion – Get input on transition from parishioners, using mailboxes again possibly.  
No rush to get rid of things at parishes that are closing, can put items in storage if needed, so can decide later, get input. Have heard from some that if stained glass is removed, they'd like to purchase. Pictures at St. Kathryn's done by Father Plaisted.
- Other questions: Weekday Masses, how affected – has not been clarified. Planning office, Bishop, transition team to discuss; St. Kathryn's St. Kateri Mass in July, funerals, weddings, can still have. If get sale/purchaser, then work in/around the activities with the buyer; Corporation combining to one – can't do until decree from Bishop, canonical and civil processes are different. Can keep separate 501c3, but canonical side all closed and be one new parish. Diocese has lawyers on staff to advise for both processes.
- Braham church closing – parishioners there contacted canonical lawyer to petition and prevent closing, file appeal of Bishop's decree. Father asked if any have heard of any in our ACC contacting lawyers, and if do please let him know.

### 4. New Business

A. Hearing Assist in Mora and Milaca, Father Timothy: Installed in Mora with training last weekend. Coming to Milaca, ideally looking to use at either site. If anyone is interested, talk to the office, can get app and attach to own earbuds, anything with Bluetooth. Two people in Milaca expressed interest already.

- B. Holy Week Schedule, Father Timothy: Flyer has all Mass times. Swapped this year from last year at the sites. Good Friday later times per request. Easter 10:30 a.m. in Mora, announce early.
- C. Chrism Mass Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud. Mora needs oils picked up if anyone attends. Also need help taking from Easter Vigil Mass in Mora back to other parishes.
- D. Parish Picnic, Kris/Father Timothy: Parish Picnic potluck at St. Mary's Milaca and Foreston. Do we want to expand to other sites in ACC, will people travel? Much discussion on this and other activities at other sites.
  - i. Recommendations based on discussion – Keep Parish Picnic in Milaca this year. August date TBD.
  - ii. Continue looking at activities as they come up and decide as we go if keep as is or move to another site. The transition team will also consider this.

4. Additional Items - none

5. Next meeting scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in Foreston

Closing Prayer prayed with Father Timothy