

ST. MARY OF THE WOODS / ST. ALOYSIUS ~ Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 10, 2025 ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ at St. Mary's

Present: Denise Elsenheimer, Dan Ingalls, Linda Root, Bonnie Fish, Carol Hart, Jim Grant
Missing: Dawn Staley, Joann Pero, Richard Wentzel, Jim Malloy

We did an update on parish projects:

SM: West side of church water leak issue; inner doors in Narthex.

- Bob Berger Masonry LLC dug out old windows on West Side, resealed them, placed a water barrier seal, used J channel and vinyl covering on the wood. Leaking has stopped.
- Northwestern Commercial Doors will be contacted to see when they will be completing the project of replacing the Narthex doors.

SA: painting of window sills on outside of hall post glazing; walkway from east parking lot; Boiler inspection

- Failed the boiler inspection again. We need a new tank. Will find another company to come out and fix it besides Top Notch. We can't turn on the boilers until the issue is resolved.
- Will need 16 roof stops – need to get roofer Also to fix valley and take down old cross and fix steeple area.
- Walkway to the East Parking lot We have 2 bids for asphalt to extend the East side of the front parking lot to make a walkway to the East Parking lot. Why asphalt was explained.
- If we had concrete we would have to have a permit, ramp and steps from the east parking lot to be in code. If using asphalt, we do not have to have this because it would still be considered a parking lot.
- The parking lot project will be a 3 phase project. Phase 1 is doing the front parking. This includes a walkway to the East parking lot. It also includes moving the handicap parking to the west side of the front parking lot -as the current placement of handicap parking does not meet code. Denise has to get permission to fundraise from the Diocese. Cost is over \$11,000 for phase 1.
- Glazing the Windows is done. Need help painting the outside window sills before the snow falls. Jim Grant working on pulling people together to do this.

Pastoral Planning for the Diocese – update September 11

- results from gathering sessions. No one came to St. Aloysius at 10 am on Monday. We had 6 people show for Monday Night.
Those going to pastoral planning are Dawn Staley, Linda Root, Bonnie Fish, Jim Grant, Denise, Carina Conklin, Irene Beltinck, Father Mike V.
- Parish Picnic update: Well attended from both Parishes. Father was sort of surprised with his cake. Sandy Orsini made the beautiful cake.

Election of new Parish Council members was tabled due to lack of attendance. We definitely

Need a secretary

Prizes for chili cookoff last February still haven't been purchased. Bonnie Fish volunteered to go to Alden Spice place and pick up 3 items and turn in her receipt. Bonnie will pick up this coming February prizes before Dec 30.

CSA status

- Saint Aloysius and St. Mary have met their target. (Yeah!)
- Monies back to St. Als will be toward parking lot issues.
- Monies back to St. Mary will be put towards fixing the cracks in the parking lots at St. Mary And re-striping.

Maner audit and Corporation news updates.

- Jim Grant is the finance council chair person for St. Aloysius. He is on the Corporation board.
- We are working on addressing the recommendations from the audits. We did a lot better than 3 years ago for both parishes.

• bells / carillon update at St. Mary's: revisit next meeting.

New business:

Knights of Columbus updates given by Dan Ingalls.

- Did a food drive at Village Market in Rapid City brought in over \$400 of food for the food pantry.
- Dan Ingalls and Ron Genaw will be doing the Rosary before the 4 pm Mass during October.
- Doing a trip to the Yak farm with the special needs people in Mancelona.
- Made a \$400 donation to the St. Aloysius PCCW towards cost of women's retreat.
- Made a \$500 donation to Feed the Kids and \$500 to children Advocacy
- Did a tootsie roll drive after Masses Went well.

St. Aloysius PCCW updates

- Due to parish audit all money must go through the office and treasurer will have read only access to bank statement. Therefore bylaws need to be re-written
- Cookie Sale made over \$400.
- Rummage sale is in new place: the South Boardman American Legion Sept 11-13 9-4
- Free on Sunday Sept 14
- Women's Retreat is October 24th Spirituality of the Heart Speaker: Brother Mike Whitman
- Time 9-3, Lunch provided

Faith Formation and Youth Ministry updates

- NCYC fundraising update as of this meeting, have raised \$4000 toward trip. Trip is \$7700.
- Resignation: Jenny Schmidt has resigned as Assistant Director of Faith Formation effective at the end of September. We have been blessed to have her move the programs forward.
- Basement is getting done. We will have classes in the basement.
- Calendars are done. There is a Fall Kick off on sept 13 Potluck and game night – opened to all parishioners
- Adult faith will begin in October.

Cemetery Committee updates:

SA – There was a need to revamp the new section. That has been done.

Dave Gonyer helped make that happen. Jim Staley is putting all data on a spread sheet.

SM – still seeking members for the cemetery committee.

Chris Drummond has resigned effective Dec 1, 2025. We need a new sexton.

Closing Prayer: Hail Mary in honor of her Birthday this week Sept 8.

Next Meeting:

October 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at St.Aloysius