

Jan 14, 2026 meeting was canceled due to weather.

4. Old Business:

- Look at the Charter voted by the council
And Purpose of Parish Council review
We will look at these at our next meeting and come up with a plan how to implement the charter and review the parish council purpose. We will also talk about time limits on agenda items (for ex.: 5 min max)
- Epiphany dinner was well attended. We had young families and families without kids. It was a fun celebration. Thank you to Richard who played and led everyone in the carols. Thank you to those from the parish council who attended. Your presence made a difference
- Pastoral planning: Thursday, January 15 Father Mike will be at the mandatory priest meeting. On Friday, January 16 Denise will be at the mandatory Director of Parish Life meeting. For those parishes directly impacted by changes, those announcements will be made in those parishes this coming weekend. The actual plan will be made public on January 20 on the web site.

5. New business:

- a. resignation of Carol Hart – Carol Hart resigned from the Parish Council effective Jan 1. Thank you to Dawn and Carol for talking with Kate Burchess to be part of the council.
- b. Knights of Columbus updates The officers met via conference call today. They are off until April.
- c. St. Aloysius PCCW updates: They are off until April.
- d. Faith Formation and Youth Ministry and OCIA update
Because of weather we had to cancel the baby shower for Mary in December.
The gifts were given to the Baby pantries in Kalkaska and Fife Lake.
Kasha Martin has said she would help with High School Youth Ministry
OCIA we have 7 who are attending.
Confirmation/1st Holy Communion Saturday, May 16 11 am at St. Ann's in Cadillac
Celebration of our students Sunday, May 17 after the 11 am Mass at St. Mary's
- e. Buildings, Grounds & Maintenance updates
St. Al's
 - Toilets in the women's bathroom not done
 - Lights need to be taken care of in church by choir
 - Walk by exit off the overflow needs to be shoveled and a path made to the bilco door.
 - Jim Grant has snow blown a path from the sidewalk to the east parking lot.
 - Main doors: They do need to be changed out, but financially we are unable to afford them right now.
 - Grant was denied thru 4 front

St. Mary's

- Parking lot is still on the radar for spring.
- Tom is keeping the roofs raked and icicles taken down.
- Still working on the basement, but using the classrooms.

f. Cemetery Committee updates: Still working on records for both cemeteries

g. upcoming events

1. Widow's group is a new group. We are looking at a good turn out for this Gathering on Jan 22 from 11:30-1 at St. Mary's The group will decide how we move forward.
2. Funeral SA. Jeanette Haskins passed away. Her funeral is Saturday, Jan 24 At St. Aloysius. There is visitation the evening before at the Kalkaska Funeral home. Denise will meet with family tomorrow at 11.
3. Chili Cookoff – This is a joint parishes event. -February 1 at Noon. At St. Mary's

We need support from both councils – spreading the word, set up on Saturday Jan 31 at 10 am, attending the event.

If you aren't bringing a chili, if you could bring a dessert to share that would be great.

4. Lenten bible study: We will be having a lenten bible study. More information will go out next week for sign up.
5. Stations and Dinner: Lent starts Feb. 18 Stations/Soup and Salad will Alternate parishes again this year. Feb 20, Mar 6, Mar 20 St. Mary's Feb 27, Mar 13, Mar 27 St. Al's

h. renting out halls

- We have a hall rental at St. Al's on February 7, Saturday, private for a baby shower
- We have a hall rental for St. Mary's on March 7 10-3 for Jerry Siecienski's 90th birthday. Parish will be involved with this gathering.
May 30 Graduation party private for Anna Martin
- If it is private event then there is a \$150 insurance fee. If parish event there is no insurance fee

OTHER: We will know this week how the pastoral planning will affect us. Please keep the parishes and Diocese in your prayers and as Bishop Walsh says: Trust in God's Providence.

Next Meeting:

February 11, 2026 St. Mary's