

Wednesday, Oct 8, 2025 us

1. The meeting began at 6pm at St. Aloysius

Present: Joann Pero, Richard Wentzel, Dawn Staley, Linda Root, Bonnie Fish, Dan Ingalls,
Denise Elsenheimer

Absent: Jim Malloy, Carol Hart

2. Prayer prayed by all present

3. Review and Approval of Minutes of the August 13 Meeting was approved by all.

Richard Wentzel made the motion and Dawn Staley 2nd.

4. Old Business:

a. Update on Parish projects:

SM:

- Narthex Doors were completed. The are great.
Jim Grant is working on getting bids for filling and fixing cracks of the parking lot.
- Cemetery road needs to be fixed because washed out.
Denise getting estimates

SA:

- painting of window sills on outside of hall post glazing still needs to be done
Hoping at least the south windows will be done by winter.
- Jim Grant explained the Parking Lot project. It will be 3 phases.
1st Phase is expanding the east side of the front parking lot by 4 ft.
The 4ft will allow a walkway to the East Parking Lot. Cost is \$11,000.00
Not including the striping. Hoping it can be done by Winter.
Moving and restriping handicap parking to the west side of the front parking lot.
Phase 2 & 3 involve the East and West parking lots to be done in the future.
- Boiler inspection failed twice. Inspector was difficult to work with.
Because of his Recommendation and his oversight to the actual problem.at the 1st inspection, we failed the 2nd time.
We got it fixed and was finally cleared to run the boiler.
- Women's bathroom toilets need to be replaced.
- Irrigation is finally up and running. Ryan Hart is to come out and blow system out.

b. Pastoral Planning for the Diocese – Feed back September 11

Linda Root, Bonnie Fish, Jim Grant, Dawn Staley, Carina Conklin, Denise went to the

It was information gathering with Holy Hour and sharing of information.

Realization that the process to get international priests can be difficult and Cost is great was eye opening.

Disappointment from those who went was expressed about not more Directors of Parish Life in the diocese to help the priests.

c. Election of new Parish Council members

- Bonnie Fish and Linda Root were voted in as members representing St. Mary's to Fill the two vacancies of the members who resigned last June.
- No one wanted to be secretary. Linda Root looking into an AI Secretary.

- e. Prizes for chili cookoff last February were bought and handed to the winners:
Carri Latta 1st Emily Fox 2nd Ernie Latta 3rd
Thank you Bonnie Fish. Bonnie will be going to the Alden spice store in December to pick up the prizes for 2026 Chili Cook Off.
- f. Manor audit and Corporation news updates: Jim Grant is now a member of St. Aloysius board for the corporation. Dick Paternoster is the St. Mary of the Woods board member. Directors of Parish Life should be board members and the Diocese is looking into it.
- g. bells / carillon update for St. Mary's: Tom Simms and Jim Grand found a broken wire to the speakers outside. Tom will try to fix it and we will test it once the computer is hooked back up.

5. New business:

- a. Knights of Columbus update: They didn't have a meeting in October. Making a donation for a sanctuary candle for a member who passed away.
- b. St. Aloysius PCCW updates
 - The sale was held at the American Legion in South Boardman this year. It was successful.
 - The Women's Retreat is October 24th and Brother Mike Whitman is the speaker.
 - Welcome Breakfast is Nov 2 for new members.
- c. Faith Formation and Youth Ministry updates
 - Jenny Schmidt resigned as Assistant Director of Faith Formation effective October 6th. Carina Conklin was hired to take her place effective October 7th.
 - NCYC fundraising update We are at \$4700 and the goal is \$7750.00 It is going well.
 - Basement at St. Mary's is finished with mold remediation and the west side of the church sealed where the old windows used to be for the basement. The irrigation was moved away from the church. This should stop the water leaking into the basement. Now in the process of putting back the office and organizing the stuff.
 - We are using the basement for K-5 classes.
- d. Buildings, Grounds & Maintenance updates was talked about already in these minutes.
- e. Cemetery Committee updates: software from the diocese will be set up so that our records will be digital and on-line for both parishes.
SA - still need to compare the paper records to the actual physical graves in the old section The new section is accurate.
SM - still seeking members, a sexton, and the road needs to be graveled.
- f. upcoming events thru Nov 12
Craft Show Oct 11
Women's Retreat Oct 24
Faith Formation Family Service Project Nov 2

There will be no Nov 1 celebration of All Saints because it is on a Saturday. Will celebrate All souls at the weekend Masses.

g. Safety discussions:

- Talked about making our Masses safe. Some churches lock everyone in when Mass begins. Ushers are by the doors to let people who are late in.
- This has not been mandated by MCC or the Bishop.
- Discussion was that unless it is mandated, we would not be doing it. Father Mike V. had relayed to Denise he didn't like the doors locked.
- One thing that needs to be done at St. Aloysius is replacing the front doors with doors with panic bars. Denise is having the company who did St. Mary's give us a bid.

g. Denise DPL meeting report

Directors of Parish Life met with Bishop Walsh on September 30. We talked about Safety And talked about Pastoral planning. The Bishop reported that looking at the full impact of the parishes in the community, not just income and numbers is how he is approaching the planning.

h. Marilyn Beaver Funeral was held last Saturday at St. Aloysius. There were over 150 people that attended the funeral and the luncheon was also at St. Aloysius for 150 people. Creative thinking and team work of staff, and PCCW made the funeral a wonderful celebration of life.

OTHER

It was discussed that we need to do a better job of welcoming new parishioners, especially at St. Mary's. St. Aloysius' PCCW does a great job with the Welcome Breakfast. It was mentioned we need pictures of these new parishioners, so they can be welcomed. St. Mary's needs a welcome committee.

Meeting was adjourned.

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

Next Meeting:

November 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary

Minutes submitted by Denise Elsenheimer