

Cathedral of Saint Michael the Archangel
Pastoral Council Meeting

RECTORY
Monday, February 16, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting

Members: Nachaly Moreira; Mary Ann Arnold; Timothy Pepler; Kenneth Welch;
Mary Somers; Marion Johnson; Virginia Padilla

Ex-Officio: Very Reverend Gary M. Dailey; Lynn Dubreuil; Wanda Castellano

Absent: Carlos Marrero; Deacon Joe Rivera; Deacon Angel Perez; Dolly Garzón

Call to Order / Opening Prayer

The meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m. with a prayer led by Fr. Dailey.

Acceptance of Minutes

The members took a few minutes to review the minutes of the meeting of January 12, 2026. Mary Ann Arnold moved to accept the minutes of the meeting with one (1) amendment, seconded by Timothy Pepler.

[Amendment to the Minutes]

- Religious Education: Remove: *“It is a contest among all the parishes.”* from the minutes.
The request from Bishop Byrne to pray *“Hail Marys”* for our country is not a contest.

All in favor.

Finance Report

Michael Jones, chair of the Finance Council, gave an overview and the 1st six months of the fiscal year (July 1 – December 31) and provided handouts for members of the Pastoral Council to follow along:

- The report indicates that the collection is up 8%.
- The Cathedral parish has not received an allotment or disbursement from the Beacon of Faith Capital Campaign during the first six month of the current fiscal year. Our parishioners continue to receive the monthly statements. The funds from the Beacon of Faith are received into a designated account, not into the parish bank account. Every parish has a savings account with the diocese. Once we fulfill our goal, 100% of the proceeds will go to the parish. We can use the funds when we need it exclusively for the projects for which it was earmarked at the beginning of the campaign.
- Maintenance and utilities (electricity and natural gas) are up: We recently received a \$12,000 bill for gas. Utilities are a large expense in the budget. Attention to closing doors to the Bishop Marshall Center as well as turning off lights, and not allowing the water to run.
- Parish picnic was not intended to be a money maker or fundraiser, but it made a small profit.

Review Upcoming of Cathedral Activities/Liturgies

- Ash Wednesday is on February 18th. There will be two Masses: 12:10 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- We will have programs during the Lent Season, including a talk from our diocesan exorcist - Fr. Sean O’Mannion.
- Timothy Pepler would like to offer a theological class on *“Why Jesus had to die”*.

Religious Education

Fr. Dailey has 500 brown scapulars and rosaries for student of Religious Ed. A class on the rosary will be planned for next year.

Latino Ministry

No report.

Black Catholic Apostolate / Knights of St. Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary

The Black Catholic Apostolate and the Clavers will plan the Annual Lenten Luncheon - TBA.

Take & Eat Ministry

No new information.

Safety and Security Committee Meeting

The committee met on Monday, February 9th. An overview of the training by a member of Behavioral Health Network was provided. The team talked about how to approach persons in crisis. The recommendation is to use kindness (TLC). BHN's Crisis Line is open 24/7, but call 9-1-1 in an emergency or if you feel threatened.

Cathedral Parish Food Pantry

The pantry looks well-ordered. Mateusz and his wife may have been in to organized it.

Community Building Activities

- Pocket Book Bingo. Ginny Webb, former Development Director of the diocese will be meeting with a committee to plan this event.
- Timothy would like to offer a talk series on the history of the church and theology once a month on a Saturday morning with bagels and coffee.

New Business**Bringing Communion to Shut-Ins (homebound)**

There are concerns with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). The person has to call the parish to request it.

Visiting Sick Parishioners / Communion

We will place a notice in the bulletin, website and Facebook page.

24 Hours of Mercy – Divine Mercy Weekend

We will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions from 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 10th – 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 11th.

Nachaly Moreira shared that we currently have Adoration on Tuesdays from 6–7:00 p.m., but it should be made available more often. She suggested a survey asking parishioners when they're available for Adoration. Adoration heals families, brings a parish together, and strengthens a community.

We need to introduce the students of Religious Ed to Adoration. Offer Adoration for different age groups at a time with Fr. Dailey and Fr. Mendez in 10-minute intervals; 3 classes in 30 minutes. We will consider it for the upcoming academic year. We need guidance from our priests and a training for the students on preparing the altar.

Safety and Security Concerns

A concern was addressed about locking the door to the Bishop Marshall Center when the hall is not in use and possibly a lock for the door to the chapel.

Next Meeting

The next Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Monday March 9th at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m. with a prayer led by Fr. Dailey.