

# **One in Faith Area Catholic Community**

**Church of St. Mary, Gathering Space**

**August 12, 2025, at 7 PM**

## **Opening Prayer**

The regular meeting of the One in Faith Area Catholic Community was called to order at 7 PM on August 12, 2025, by Chair Lisa Wuertz, with a prayer.

## **Members Present**

Priests: Fr. Mitchell Bechtold, Fr. Daniel Walz, Fr. Oswaldo Roche

St. Mary: Joe Roehrl

Sacred Heart: Jean Hemker, Tony Klasen

Immaculate Conception: Tatum Holdvogt, Maureen Schaefer

St. Rose of Lima: Jan Herzog, Lillian Arnzen

St. Michael: Lisa Wuertz, Mark Schoenberg

St. Andrew: Herman Lensing, Carol Inderrieden

St. John the Baptist: Char Meyer

Staff & Notetakers: Amy Hoeschen & Pam Pundsack

## **Members Not Present**

St. Mary: Jenna Middendorf

St. John the Baptist: Marv Meyer

**Approval of Agenda** - Char Meyer made a motion to approve the agenda and Herman Lensing seconded.

**Approval of 5-13-25 Minutes** - Jan Herzog made a motion to approve the minutes and Jean Hemker seconded.

## **Consultative Discussion - Pastors**

- Fr. Dan – He said he didn't have anything to report. Summer is coming to an end and school is getting ready to start.
- Fr. Oswaldo Roche – He shared that he is preparing for a trip to Rome & Spain. In Rome, he will witness the first canonization of a Venezuelan. He will celebrate his 30th anniversary of ordination in Spain, because he cannot go to Venezuela, on October 14.
- Fr. Mitchell – He asked the group if there has been enough transparency or community consultation regarding All Things New. People commented on being disappointed by attendance at the listening sessions being on average less than 5%. It was said that people appreciated the opportunity to listen, ask questions, and express their concerns. It was asked if the committee would consider having another listening session once school starts and people are back into their routines. Most said communication has been good. Fr. Mitchell said we need to spread the message of Hope. A parishioner asked that the priests please convey a need for compassion as decisions regarding closing churches are made.

## **Parish Reports**

- St. Mary – Joe shared that prep work for selling the old rectory and remaining lots on the church block have begun. There are plans for a monument on the old church site, possibly with the bell. The 1st day of school will be September 2nd and it will be St. Mary's School's 60th year! They will begin the year with 60 days of Kindness. On July 26 & 27 St. Mary's had a Missionary speaker. Mass schedules changed the first weekend in July and it is working really well. St. Mary's recently restructured by combining leadership & finance councils to have just a finance council now. The parish raffle was successful bringing in about \$51,000. With all of the rain, it has been a huge challenge to keep up with cemetery mowing and weeding. Joe had visited many local cemeteries and said they were beautiful and very well kept. He asked the group how that was being accomplished. The response was mostly dedicated volunteers.
- Sacred Heart – The festival went well! School will begin soon.
- Immaculate Conception – The Summer Raffle & More went well. It brought in almost \$35,000. They are working on a directory. They just completed the photo sessions and hope to have the directory out by the end of the year or shortly after.
- St. Rose of Lima – The festival will be Sunday of Labor Day weekend. They are holding the Cash Raffle as well as the festival grand raffle again this year.
- St. Michael – There will be an outdoor Mass with Bishop Neary on Friday to celebrate the Assumption. Catholic United Financial will host a breakfast on September 7th. The census is almost complete. There was a 68% return rate and the rest of the individuals have been called by volunteers.
- St. Andrew – Barley Days went better than last year with no storms. School is about to start. St. Andrew's will begin a census in early September after their next finance meeting.
- St. John the Baptist – Corpus Christi Mass went well. Fr. Mitchell mentioned that if anyone needs to borrow speakers for outdoor events, they can use the ones he has.
- Hispanic Community – Fr. Oswaldo said that the Hispanics community is being careful of doing anything, like outdoor events, that would expose the people. They are learning how to proceed with the new OCIA program. The Thursday evening prayer group just celebrated 10 years of gathering. The community is trying to recruit more liturgical ministers.

## **Old Business**

- Was covered in earlier reports

## **New Business**

- No new business

**Adjourn** - Tatum Holdvogt made a motion to adjourn and Tony Klasen seconded.

**Next** - The next meeting will be at 7 PM on November 11, 2025, at the Church of St. Mary.