

One in Faith Area Catholic Community

Church of St. Mary, Gathering Space

February 11, 2025, at 7:00 PM

Opening Prayer

The regular meeting of the One in Faith Area Catholic Community was called to order at 7:00 pm on February 11, 2025, by Chair Lisa Wuertz, with a prayer for guidance.

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. Michael: Lisa Wuertz, Mark Schoenberg

St. Andrew: Herman Lensing, Carol Inderrieden

St. John the Baptist: Marvin Meyer

Staff & Notetakers: Amy Hoeschen & Pam Pundsack

Members Not Present

St. Mary: Jenna Middendorf

St. Rose of Lima: Jan Herzog, Lillian Arnzen,

St. John the Baptist: Char Meyer

Approval of Agenda - consensus approval via email

Consultative Discussion - Pastors

- Fr. Mitchell – He shared that he tries to capture photos and videos of parish life and invited others to do the same. He mentioned that photos should be taken in landscape mode when possible.
- Fr. Dan – He gave advice to all to stay healthy.
- Fr. Oswaldo Roche – He and Fr. Mitchell are very concerned about what is going on with the Hispanic community. They said we need to pray.

Parish Reports

- St. Mary – Fr. Mitchell expressed that everyone is on pins and needles waiting for direction from the diocese. St. Mary's recently completed building a new storage shed.
- Sacred Heart – Fr. Dan said the school Wine & Dine served 513 people. Big Buck Bingo will be February 22 and they will give away \$7,000! Proceeds will go toward the school endowment.
- Immaculate Conception – Tatum is leading the summer raffle, and they just had their first meeting. They just finished their winter raffle.
- St. Rose of Lima – nothing to report
- St. Michael – There will be a supper March 2nd. They are waiting to decide what to do about their windows, but at least a couple really need to be done. The estimated cost per window is \$12,000. Church raffle and spaghetti dinner will be April 6.
- St. Andrew – Barley Days is being planned. Steak and Wine was fantastic! Herman asked if they could get more Breaking Bread books. Fr. Mitch said cameras will be installed at SJSA in the spring

for an added measure of accountability. He asked, “Do we want to consider adding something to the church?”

- St. John the Baptist – Marvin said they will be finishing interior painting. Bingo will be March 30.
- Hispanic Community – Fr. Mitchell said that the Hispanic people are shy at meetings so for now he will be the spokesperson.

Old Business

- Divine Mercy Sunday will be held at St. Michael’s in Spring Hill on April 27th. They are finding the notes from past years very helpful for planning.
- Bulletins & Inserts – The school principals are coordinating with each other. There was discussion regarding guidelines but nothing was decided. It was reconfirmed that youth events should be for all. Marvin asked if ACC Adult Formation events should be listed under Faith Formation, but it was said that area is reserved for youth and the adult items are in the ACC section.
- Diocese Update – The priests shared that the steering committee will be Fr. Dan, Fr. Mitchell, Fr. Oswaldo, Pam, Amy, and one representative from each parish.
- Social Media – For now the websites are staying separate, but if anyone gets a new one, there would be room for expansion to possibly eventually include all seven parishes/the whole ACC. Facebook accounts are separate, but Fr. Mitchell suggested we all share/link with each other to promote all.
- ACC name & logo – Fr. Mitchell showed something he had a graphic design artist work on. There was discussion and it isn’t quite what the group is looking for. Fr. Mitchell will have more examples for the next meeting. Fr. Mitchell will talk with Juliann about changing the four parish Faith Formation name.
- Adult Faith Formation opportunities – There are several options! The next Diving Deeper with Fr. Dan will be February 25th in St. Rose, Go & Make Disciples will be February 26th at the Tri-Parish office, and there will be something for grandparents in Melrose during Lent. Marvin also mentioned that there are Diocesan events such as the Men’s Conference.

New Business

- Play – A Man for All Seasons as a possible dinner theater is being planned for April 25th or 26th at the Freeport Community Center. It was suggested that there should be a play committee to help with the details.
- Jubilee – Amy told the group that there are lots of resources and opportunities for enrichment during this Jubilee year and asked if anyone might be interested in helping by facilitating something for the ACC. Fr. Dan explained that he sees this as something a pastoral council would do. No one volunteered.
- Fr. Mitchell said that he will be doing a Mass at Assumption Chapel in Cold Spring on May 8.
- Fr. Mitchell suggested that all seven parishes do a census. The goal would be to have updated information for parishes by June of 2026.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm by Chair Lisa Wuertz. The next meeting will be at 7:00 pm on May 13th, 2025, at the Church of St. Mary.