

St. Mary's Parish Council Minutes
Rectory – Monday, March 23, 2026 – 7:00 pm

I. Call to Order - by Brian Serpan

II. Opening Prayer - 7:02pm

III. Roll Call:

Fr. Dana	(P) A	Brian Serpan	(P) A	Gary Luea	P (A)
Peggy Seibel	(P) A	Nancy Cunningham	(P) A	Gary Haas	P (A)
Allen Weber	P (A)	Curtis Weber	(P) A	Zachary Eck	(P) A
Patti Park	(P) A				

IV. Additions to Agenda: None

V. Corrections and approval of February 23, 2026 minutes: Reviewed. Peggy approved minutes as presented; Curtis seconded. Passed 5-0.

VI. Public Discussion: None

VII. Commission Reports

- a. **School Report –Patti:** We have hired a new 2nd grade teacher for the 26-27 school year. Pending the outcome of her CMG, we will then release her name. Still in search of a 5th grade teacher. State testing will begin next week through April 22nd for 3rd-6th graders. Our 4th Quarter Virtue is “Patience”. Officer Ridgeway will be visiting St. Mary’s School on Thursday to go over Critical Response Group, like a crisis relief plan. We don’t have school on Friday to prep for the Auction.
- b. **Home and School Report – Patti:** Next meeting has been set for April 13th at 6:00pm. Patti has tentatively planned for the Back-2-School Bash for August 2nd at the Ellis Pool.
- c. **School Council Report – Patti:** Next meeting has been set for April 13th at 7:00pm.
- d. **Liturgy Report – Emily:** Last Lenten Soup Supper is this Friday, hosted by the Daughters of Isabella. Parish Auction is this Saturday with Mass at 4:00pm, doors opening at 5:00pm. Palm Sunday is March 28/29 weekend. We will not be processing from the gym, but instead having the blessing from the back of church to accommodate the pick-up times for the Auction on Sunday. Lenten Communal Penance Service is also on Sunday, March 29th at 4:00pm. Holy Saturday Choir Practice is at 7:00pm on Sunday, March 29th as well. Musical Stations of the Cross will be on Wednesday, April 1st – done by the 7th Grade CCD Class/Megan Honas. Holy Thursday Mass will be at 7:00pm. We are in need of volunteers to have their feet washed. Good Friday service at 3:00pm. Fr. Dana will also be beginning the Divine Mercy Novena with prayer at 5:30pm. Easter Decorating of the church will begin at 9:00am on Saturday – volunteers are needed. Holy Saturday Mass will begin at 8:30pm. Easter Sunday Masses will be at 7:00am & 9:00am. Parishioners are welcome to bring food for a blessing. Holy First Communion will be Sunday, April 12th during the 9:00am Mass. We have 8 students receiving the sacrament. Divine Mercy Prayer Service will be at 3:00pm on Sunday, April 12th. “Sending Forth” Graduation Mass will be Sunday, May 3rd at 9:00am (open to any High School Senior within the parish). Mother’s Day is May 10th – a special blessing at each of the weekend Masses. Confirmation is set for Sunday, May 17th at 9:00am Mass with Bishop Vincke – we also begin Cedar Bluff Masses on this Sunday at 11am. Fr. Dana celebrates 25th Anniversary on May 19th. There will not be any Coffee & Donuts hosted until June due to the busy schedule of the church in April & May.
- e. **Parish Education Report:** We are in the final phase of preparing for the Easter Vigil. We have (1) Baptism – Jaxon Schwartz, and (3) candidates – Laura Sofferson, Devin Henderson, and Talon Pyle. Brian asked if we gift the RCIA members anything for joining the church; at this time, we do not. The Lenten Series Study is going great with about 11 people attending each week. YDisciple will have their “ABC” this Wednesday.

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- f. Maintenance Report:** Father has a broken window in his living quarters. Plans to contact State Glass Co. to come out and replace it.
- g. Finance Report – Fr. Dana:** No report for this month as Fr. Dana has been busy preparing for the auction. Next month reports should include the auction numbers as well.

VIII. Unfinished Business:

- a. Security:** There was small group of selected parishioners who met with a group of law enforcement to learn the safety and security of our church/parish. At this time no further “training” will be conducted, though the group of parishioners may meet periodically to review/discuss ways to better keep our church family protected from harm in the case it were to arise.
- b. Auction 2026:** Thus far we have 251 participants attending + auctioneers + extra helpers. Pre-Bidding on Silent auction items only, begins tomorrow morning at 6am and closes on Thursday at 10pm. Bidding on items will continue on auction night. Decorating/Set up will begin on Thursday after school – volunteer help is greatly needed and will be appreciated. A suggestion was given to stagger out the raffle prizes throughout the Live auction.

IX. New Business: None.

X. Father's Comments: None.

XI. Parishioner Comments: None.

Next Meeting: April 27, 2026 @ 7:00pm

Closing Prayer: 7:40pm

_____ Minutes taken by Emily Mattheyer