

**St. Mary Pastoral Council Minutes
May 20, 2015**

PRESENT: Fr. Joe Rascher, Deacon John Fridley, Jim Cathcart, Jeanne Boulanger, Colleen Diekemper, Carol Gajewski, Bob Litteken, Jim Litteken, Gina Rakers, Tom Rakers, Nettie Sudholt, Kurt Heier, Kim Moss, Kevin Quitmeyer

OPENING PRAYER: Led by Fr. Joe.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The council minutes from April 15, 2015 were approved.

FINANCE REPORTS: A report was distributed to council. 2014 year-end reports will be next. New trustee sought as Jim Jansen has retired from Finance Council. Jim Spaeth and Mark Moss were appointed to serve.

FUTURE USE OF SCHOOL BUILDING/PARISH PROPERTY: There are no current plans to sell any property currently owned by the parish. Likewise there are no plans to purchase adjacent property. Painting of the church interior may be evaluated as it has been 30 years since this was last completed. The parish office may require a new photocopier. The position of parish custodian will be advertised in the church bulletin because Chuck Haselhorst has given notice. Compliments were expressed. Grass cutting responsibility has been assigned.

EVANGELIZATION: St. Mary Catholic Church offers the sacraments of our faith to parishioners and visitors. The parish will grow in number when individuals seek a faith relationship with Jesus Christ through the church and its ministries.

PSR WRAP-UP, VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS): A procession from PSR classrooms to church took place and Fr. Joe spoke with each class. Students read prayers of the faithful and many parents attended. St. Mary VBS is scheduled for June 15-19. Registration forms were distributed on the last day of PSR. The first year of PSR went well in the parish's own space with compliments to Kim Moss, Coordinator of Religious Education.

NEW MEMBERSHIP: There were 32 nominations. Selection of new pastoral council will be May 31 for the five retiring members (one vacant seat also needs to be filled). Jim Cathcart, Jim Litteken, Gina Rakers, Tom Rakers and Carol Gajewski were thanked for serving four years on council.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 17 at 7:00 p.m.

CONCLUDING PRAYER: Prayer for Vocations written by Bishop Braxton read by all.