



Summary of Common Meeting Night: March 12, 2025

Combined Fellowship

Coming events such as St. Mary's Fish Fry, the Parish Mission, and Corpus Christi procession were some of the items of discussion. Donut Sundays still need volunteers for regular Sundays as well as special days. The Fall Family Picnic day is in the works.

SMIC Building & Grounds:

The bell tower has been professionally cleaned. This process has revealed the need for funds to replace the shutters on the tower as well as paint. Other projects that have been brought to light are the need for new elevator parts, new roof for the gym and two transepts, and a handicap-controlled door. New exterior doors have been ordered to replace those in poor shape. Excavation between the rectory and church will soon begin to make room for a monument and beautification of the grounds. Other small jobs have been addressed.

SFC Building & Grounds:

Planning for concrete replacement off of 7th Ave. is in the works for May or June. The sanitary pump for the school and daycare has been addressed. A master plan for landscaping is currently being undertaken to re-invigorate the grounds.

Combined Prayer & Worship:

Members discussed the coming months and what needs to be prepped for the Parish Mission, Stations of the Cross, and Easter. Funds have been donated to place a pedestal on either side of the tabernacle. Adorers are still needed for certain hours in the chapel.

SFC School Advisory Board:

The school had a successful auction. They are gracious toward all the donors, volunteers, and benefactors for making the night a good one. Enrollment, search for a new K4 teacher, and absentee policies were among the main discussions.

Combined Human Concerns:

Haiti is continuing with a new leader's apostolate. In addition, they are continuing the completion of the Haiti/Cabrini Community Center. St. Vincent de Paul is taking calls in regards to the homeless and will be offering spiritual direction end of April and September. Other topics discussed were the upcoming presentation on Honduras, collection for Family Promise, and the success of the baby shower in January.

Combined Formation/Evangelization:

The upcoming Parish Mission, Zeal for Your House Seminary Campaign, and the Jubilee Year were among the topics discussed amongst members. A hike to Holy Hill from Cabrini is in the works for the end of June. Important things to highlight for the coming Jubilee Year include burying the dead (ensuring that urns of the deceased are properly laid to rest), remembering those incarcerated by visiting or writing, and placing emphasis on the regularization of marriage. On April 9th, there will be all day confessions in Slinger (12 hours) and encouragement for extra fasting and acts of reparations for our sins.

Pastoral Council Minutes

March 12th, 2025

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: SMIC

Attendees: STAFF

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fr. Strand	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fr. Kevin Harmon	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chris Chlebek (Joint finance)
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	(Sem. Intern) Nicholas Waddell	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don Theisen (SMIC finance)

Immaculate Conception (Term-End)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joe Gresser (Trustee) 1-24	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mary Swosinski (Trustee) 4-25	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mary Hernikl 1-26 (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Melinda Jessup 1-25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Reichert 1-27
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brian Staehler 1-26 (Vice Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kathleen Paul 2-25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mitch Zieseemer 2-27
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Harold Siercks (Secretary) 2-25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bob Jandre 1-24	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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Saint Frances Cabrini (Term-End)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dave Kohlmann (Trustee) 5-26	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	James Surprenant (Trustee) 1-25	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gary Coyne 1-26
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jean Jones (Chair) 1-27	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dave Talbot 1-24	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dave Zimbal 2-24
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kim Nielsen (Vice Chair) 1-27	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Murphy 2-26	<input type="checkbox"/>	Anne Siikarla 1-26
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cathy Fichtner (Secretary) 1-26	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dave Vogel 1-25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lysette Kopecky 2-27

Meeting Topics:

- **Opening Prayer**
 - Prayer started in the Church at 6 PM with Adoration
- **Committee meetings**
 - Committees met from 6:15 to 7:30 and then presented their summaries to the group.
- **Pastor's Report (to the whole group)**
 - We were blessed to have Archbishop Grob here at SFC three times recently. Meeting with the area Priests, the Children's Choirs, and a Welcoming Mass and Reception.
 - The Parish Mission is coming up and please attend, even if you cannot make each night.
 - Fr Kevin will finish his three years as our Associate Pastor and be moving to a new Parish. No word as of yet on where that will be.
 - 2025 is a Jubilee Year of Hope. This is a time to focus on (among other things) a pilgrimage such as visiting a Holy Door in the area. April 9th is set aside for twelve hours of reconciliation and fasting. Pray for the dead, reach out to the incarcerated and the hungry, regularize a marriage performed outside the Church.
- **Review and approval of past minutes**
 - Past two Combined Council meeting minutes approved as presented.
- **Pastor's Report (to the Council members)**
 - Asked if anyone had ideas on what else to add to the Jubilee Year.
 - SMIC is reviewing the upcoming budget and are expecting to forecast a surplus. SMIC is also reviewing their upcoming budget but it is very close to break even and may submit a deficit forecast. However nothing is finalized at this time.
 - The SMIC Honduran mission went well with a recent visit there by Parishioners.
 - Looking at the Parish calendars for upcoming events so please notify the Offices if you are planning something.
 - The SFC school auction went very well with preliminary numbers looking like the goal was exceeded.
 - April 27th will be the Divine Mercy Mass at SMIC.
 - Discussed a possible organized tour of the Seminary which could add support to the Zeal for the Lords house capital campaign.

- **The Formation of 2 St. Mary's ad hoc committees**
 - Two committees are being formed to review the planning and costs of two projects. An extension of the roof over the lobby exit toward the parking lot which would include a handicap access door, and the possibility of returning a Communion Rail to the church.
- **Revisiting Combined Pastoral Council**
 - A smaller Council can be more efficient in reviewing items and have more focused conversations on topics presented. Since we already share Priests, Staff, and some committees between the Parishes it seems like a good fit. Several questions were brought up and discussed: 1) How many total members and the distribution between Parishes? It was felt that a total of 12 members with 6 from each Parish would be appropriate. 2) Would we have only one Chairperson or a Co-Chair from each Parish? It was felt a single Chairperson is appropriate and could sign documents for either Parish.
 - Moving forward on this would essentially mean each Council Member would step down and then discernment held for those members who wish to remain. The new Council would start in June. The current Council members would remain for the May meeting.
 - The Combined Council members agreed this would be a good way forward.
- **Breakout Discussion on From Christendom to Apostolic Mission Chapter 5**
 - For the SMIC Council the discussions included how do we inspire and change people. How do we present our faith to others and convince them to look at the world in a spiritual way, seeing our goal as working towards heaven rather than, if you will, a bigger bank account. We all agreed that it is an ongoing challenge to keep, and increase, our spiritual life.
- **Closing Prayer**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Summaries will be attached to the Council minutes.

NEXT MEETING

- **Wednesday, May 14th, 6:00 PM at SMIC**