

St. Joseph the Worker Parish-Pastorate 1
St. Mary's Church, Bloomington, WI
January 6th, 2026, Parish Council Meeting Minutes

The Parish Council Meeting of the St. Mary's Church of Bloomington was called to order on Tuesday, January 6th, 2026, at 6:30 pm with a prayer by Fr. Sudhakar. Council members present were President Tom Beyer, Secretary Jane Patterson, Ginny Schaefer, Chris Bishell, Rose Mumm, Parish Secretary Julie Jentz and Pastorate transitional team member Gary Mumm. Members not present were Daniel Herbers, St. Joseph the Worker St. Mary Church/Bloomington Representative Melanie Mergen, Fr. Mark Miller and Fr. Steve Brunner. No members of the public were present.

Financial Report: Julie Jentz presented the annual financial report for July 1, 2025 through January 6, 2026. Church support and the Harvest Fund income is slightly down compared to last year. The Kenneth Kluesner Estate will be donating monetary funds to the Church. Fr. Steve Brunner will update us on the details of this donation in mid-to-late summer.

St. Mary Fish Fry: The St. Mary's Fish Fry will be Friday night, March 6th, 2026 serving from 4:30-7:00 pm. Melanie Mergen has ordered the fish, we are hoping to keep the dinner prices the same as last year. The meal, carry-outs and drive-through will all take place at the Church (the drive-through will be in the front of the Church). Motion (Gary) second (Chris) was made to keep the raffle prize money the same amounts as last year, on a voice call, motion carried. Set up for the dinner will be on Thursday March 5th with the time to be determined. Parish Council members will stuff envelopes for raffle tickets and work schedules on February 3rd at 6:30 pm prior to the next Council meeting. There will also be a Sports Raffle which will include a gun, knife, and fishing rods.

Upcoming Events: Mark your calendar for these special dates and times:

1. St. Mary's School Lasagna Supper: will be held Saturday, January 24, 2026 celebrating the start of Catholic Schools week. There will also be a **4:30 pm Mass at St. Mary's Church, Bloomington** that afternoon before the Lasagna Supper.
2. Ash Wednesday is February 18, 2026: [Ash Wednesday] Mass at St. Mary's, Bloomington will be held at **8:15 am** with the school children.
3. Stations of the Cross: will be said at St. Mary's Church, Bloomington on Feb. 20th at 5:30 pm, February 27th at 5:30 pm and March 6th at 4:00 pm.
4. April 5th is Easter Sunday: St. Mary's, Bloomington Easter Mass will be held at 9:30 am.
5. April 4th Easter Vigil Mass: Easter Vigil Mass will take place at St. Clement's Church, Lancaster this year. As the date gets closer, check the bulletin for Mass time.
6. Future events: Blakes Prairie Fair is scheduled for the weekend of July 17-19, and the St. Mary's 2026 Fall Festival will be held on Sunday, September 13th. This year the Fall Festival will be a one (1) day event starting with the 9:30 am Mass.

Next Parish Council Meeting: Will be held Tuesday, February 3rd, at 6:30 pm in the Church basement

Fr. Sudhakar closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted

Jane Patterson-Parish Council Secretary