

St. Joseph the Worker Parish-Pastorate 1
St. Mary's Church, Bloomington, WI
March 10th, 2026, Parish Council Meeting Minutes

The Parish Council Meeting of the St. Mary's Church of Bloomington was called to order on Tuesday, March 10th, 2026, at 6:30 pm with a prayer by Fr. Sudhakar. Council members present were Secretary Jane Patterson, Rose Mumm, Daniel Herbers, Parish Secretary Julie Jentz, Pastorate transitional team member Gary Mumm and St. Joseph the Worker St. Mary Church/Bloomington Representative Melanie Mergen. Members not present were President Tom Beyer, Chris Bishell, Ginny Schaefer, Fr. Mark Miller and Fr. Steve Brunner. No members of the public were present.

Financial Report: Parish secretary Julie Jentz presented the July 1st, 2025 through March 10th, 2026 financial report. The report showed that the Parish's finances are doing well.

St. Mary Fish Fry: Julie reported that we served 575 people at the fish fry. We had 303 drive throughs/carry outs and 272 that dined in the Church basement hall. All remaining fish was sold, and Bloomington Meats II took back any boxes of fish that had not been opened. Final fish fry income/expenses are not known at this time.

Parish Grounds Lawn Mowing: Jered Glass is interested in mowing the Church/School grounds this summer. Motion (Gary Mumm) second (Melanie Mergen) was made to hire Jered, on a voice roll call, motion carried. Julie will ask him if he would be interested in doing the snow removal next winter.

Upcoming Events:

- April 2nd, Holy Thursday Mass at St. Mary Bloomington at 7:00 pm
- April 3rd, Good Friday Service at St. Mary Bloomington at 1:00 pm
- April 5th, Easter Sunday Mass at St. Mary Bloomington at 9:30 am
- Blakes Prairie Fair on July 17-19, 2026
- St. Mary's 2026 Fall Festival on Sunday, September 13th, 2026

Other Business: The parish council members discussed different types of events to promote and encourage Parish/community gatherings. Suggested events: Donuts and coffee after a Mass; A Halloween Dance this October which would feature the school children's Halloween carnival, food, the pie auction, music and the best costume contest, a Mother/Daughter dinner, and a parish cookbook.

Church Fees: The council, along with Fr. Sudhakar, discussed the rental fees for the Church, the Church Basement and the CCW Lunch Organizers that set up, serve and clean up after a meal.

- **Church Fee for Wake:** Parish Member \$200.00; Non-Parish Member \$400.00
- **Church Hall Fee:** Parish Member \$200.00; Non-Parish Member \$400.00
- **Fee for CCW/Lunch Organizers:** Parish Member \$150.00; Non-Parish Member \$300.00

Motion (Gary) second (Melanie Mergen) was made to approve the new fee rates, on a voice roll call, motion carried. You can contact the St. Mary's Parish Office if you have questions about the fees.

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Next Parish Council Meeting: The next Parish Council Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 14th, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Church basement. ***The 2027 Fish Fry date has been set for Feb. 19th, 2027.***

Fr. Sudhakar closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted: Jane Patterson-Parish Council Secretary