

ST. MARY'S EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS COMMITTEE MINUTES

- A. Called to order by George Schwint in the St. Mary's Parish Meeting Room at 5:32 p.m. on Tues., Nov. 11, 2025
 - 1. Prayer ~ Fr. Craig Timmerman led prayer
 - 2. Roll call ~ Present: George Schwint, Jenny Miller, Emily Krzmarzick, Matt Wagner, Matt Grausam, Peter Roufs, Shelley Roufs, Fr. Craig Timmerman
Absent: Dan Braulick, Jamie Pietig, Victor Martinez
 - 3. October minutes were approved
 - 4. November agenda was approved
- B. ENRICHMENT ~ none
- C. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - 1. Speech Coop...the Springfield-St. Mary's-SEPS Speech Coop would be dissolved, and reformed to add Comfrey to the Coop, as: Springfield-St. Mary's-SEPS-Comfrey. Motion approved.
 - 2. Christian Brothers Lay Pension Plan Information - Matt Grausam spoke on the underfunding of the diocesan plan, and said that more information would be available in 6 to 9 months. Participants that are retired will continue receiving retirement payments until a Diocesan decision is made, and the school's monthly contributions to the plan will go on until word is received otherwise.
- D. STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - 1. School~Mr. Roufs reported that the virtue of the month for November is Wisdom and Understanding: to judge and order all things according to the Divine; Leadership Conferences will be held in Nicollet for Minnesota Honor Society (students in grades 10-11) on November 12th, and in LeSueur on November 19th for the 10th grade; The annual cookie fundraiser will start next week, with all the profits going to offset tuition for the families that participate; CUF accepted the school's application for their raffle, and we will run that fundraiser in January-February 2026, without the family information that they had requested; Mr. Roufs attended the MNSAA meeting on Nov. 7th. (It is the school's accreditation organization.); Thanksgiving break will be from Wednesday, Nov. 26th-Nov. 30th; A virtual financial aid night will be on Dec. 2nd from 6-8:00 PM. (Senior parents were emailed the particulars); The Elementary Christmas program will be presented at 2:00 and 6:30 PM on Wednesday, Dec. 3rd; Prom (April 25, 2026) accommodation for Sophomore boys to be asked by a junior or senior girl will be allowed; Early out at 2:30 PM (Fridays only) will start next week Friday, Nov. 21st for the Juniors and Seniors that made the A or B Honor Roll for 1st Quarter; Winter activities are starting...Basketball, Hockey, Wrestling, Musical, Speech, and One Act;
 - 2. Religious Education~ Shelley reported that classes are going well; Cookie fundraiser is complete; 1st Reconciliation parent meeting was held Nov. 9th (First Reconciliation is January 24 at 10:00 am.) and Confirmation meetings are underway (Sophomores and their parents were sent a letter from Father Craig about the changes to the confirmation program and expectations to attend Mass/fill out forms this year.)
 - 3. Pastor/Superintendent~Fr. Timmerman reported that students may come over for confession or prayer on Wednesdays during their study hall. Prayer teaching with the faculty is continuing; Confirmation application and interview process was done this Fall, so not to wait until just before the sacrament.
 - 4. Financial~Matt went over the financial report, noting adult envelopes, investments, Nex-Tu-Nu sales, donations, expenses, payroll update and MN paid leave.
- E. FUTURE AGENDA
 - 1. MEETING DATE: (TENTATIVE) Tuesday, December 9, 2025, 5:30 p.m.
St. Mary's Church Parish Meeting Room
 - 2. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:
- F. PRAYER~ Fr. Craig Timmerman led prayer.
- G. ADJOURNMENT~ 6:00 PM