

ST. MARY'S EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS COMMITTEE MINUTES

- A. Called to order by George Schwint in the St. Mary's Parish Meeting Room at 5:34 p.m., Tues., Mar. 10, 2026.
1. Prayer ~ Fr. Craig Timmerman led prayer
 2. Roll call ~ Present: George Schwint, Jenny Miller, Emily Krzmarzick, Jamie Pietig, Matt Wagner, Peter Roufs, Shelley Roufs, Matt Grausam, Fr. Craig Timmerman
Absent: Dan Braulick, Victor Martinez
 3. February minutes were approved
 4. March agenda was approved
- B. ENRICHMENT ~ none
- C. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS
1. Preschool update...Registration was held for PreK and an Information Meeting was held for Kindergarten. 18 students are signed up for PreK4. (11 students-AM, 6 to 7 students-all day, 1 student-PM); 9 students are signed up for PreK3; 3 classrooms would be needed, and we are able to facilitate that. (PreK teachers are still TBD.) The Kindergarten classroom would move to the main part of the Elementary, and would possibly have 2 sections...26 students are projected.
 2. Building update plans...renovations would include the Kindergarten room, expanding the bathroom in the PreK wing, preschool playground and classroom contents; Money is reserved for this project; GFW school auction provided the supplies; MS Science Room renovation-flooring, lab tables;
- D. STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS
1. School~Mr. Roufs reported that the virtue of the month for March is Self-Control: moderates the desires, enabling individuals to act following God's will; Large Group Music Contest will be Wednesday, March 11th at MVL this year with 46 students participating; The Juniors will be confirmed on ~~Sunday, March 15th at 2:00 PM~~ (moved to Wednesday, April 8th, 7:00 PM, due to the weather); The musical *Cinderella* will be performed March 20-22nd. Tickets will be available via the Sleepy Eye Theater website <https://www.sleepyeyetheater.org/>; 3rd Quarter will be ending Friday, March 20th; Career Fair for Grades 8,10 will be on Wednesday, March 25th in New Ulm; PreACT tests will be taken by the 9th & 10th grades at the end of March; Parent Academic Informational Meeting (Grades 8-11) will be on Wednesday, April 15th (was originally scheduled for April 8th, which is now Confirmation), to cover 2026-27 registration of classes including notes on PSEO, OJT, ACT prep, etc.; Confessions & Stations of the Cross are scheduled for the students throughout the lenten season, along with times for Adoration to help all prepare for Easter. The Elementary will be donating money to Friends of San Lucas for almsgiving this year, and a donor has agreed to match any amount brought in; Class retreats for 10th and 12th grades will also be in this month of March. (12th grade will also lead the 8th grade retreat); Seniors will be on their class trip to Florida March 25-28th, along with parent chaperones Rusty & Tiffany Hoffmann; Robotics Club is going well. Scott Cowan, a 3rd grade parent is instructing grades 2-5 and Lindsey Johnson is the grade 6-9 instructor;
 2. Religious Education~ Shelley reported that Confirmation is ~~Sunday, March 15th at 2:00 PM~~ (moved to Wednesday, April 8th, 7:00 PM, due to the weather). There are 31 students from our AFC and 5 from outside the AFC being confirmed. The 1st Communion Parent Faith Formation Meeting was Sunday, March 1st. Religious education classes will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation and attending Stations of the Cross during Lent. There is no class on April 1st due to Holy Week.
 3. Pastor/Superintendent~Fr. Timmerman reported that confirmation interviews for the 10th grade are planned to be done before summer. OCIA...three candidates, two joining at Easter. OCIA Groups are run twice/year; Monsignor Shay's presentation at the Diocesan Faith Formation (for teachers) was great. Msgr. talked about the shift in society, and how evangelization takes place. He also talked about what we can learn from each other, and how to grow in evangelization. His book From Christendom to Apolstolic Mission was ordered and shared with the teachers.
 4. Financial~Matt went over the financial report. He noted that adult support has dropped, but that we are still ahead of last year's budget. The investment accounts are doing well, as is Nex-Tu-Nu. Expenses are coming up associated with Phase II for the Church (painting/lighting/organ). The High School roof down payment has been made, and the endowment bonuses were given to staff based on years of service. Budgeting has begun, and he noted that expense increases will be a bigger part of the picture this year.

5. Comments from E & C Members Q & A...the musical in the spring was due to having a director available. Future musical time is TBD; CUF Raffle proceeds were down a little this year; Men's sausage dinner-take-outs up, sit- down was lower.

E. FUTURE AGENDA

1. MEETING DATE: Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 5:30 p.m., St. Mary's Church Parish Meeting Room
2. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

F. PRAYER~ Fr. Craig Timmerman led prayer.

G. ADJOURNMENT~ 6:17 PM

Respectfully submitted, Marti Schroepfer