

## St. Michael Parish Pastoral Council

March 4, 2026 Minutes

Members Present: Fr. Marty, Fr. Robert, Mick Adamson, Lou Bufano, Joan Bullock, Lisa Codo, Martha Kozub, Alice Lewinski, Mike Morley, Bob Solorio, Connie Solorio, Matt Wieser

Fr. Marty began the meeting by reading from St. Ambrose's treatise *On Flight from the World* which was followed by an opening prayer.

Lou then updated those present on the parish's GIFT campaign. He and other campaign leaders have reconvened and are in the process of contacting approximately 100 families, many of whom are new parishioners, and inviting them to give. Thus far \$4.178 million dollars has been pledged, which leaves the parish approximately \$822,000 away from its \$5 million pledge goal. Although Lou and his fellow campaign leaders are very enthusiastic and encouraged about the project, they always welcome fellow parishioners to assist in reaching out to parishioners who may be willing to donate to the campaign. Fr. Marty was pleased to announce that sponsorships have been secured for all stained glass windows which will be installed in the parishioner service center and that additional sponsorship opportunities for rooms in that facility soon will be available to interested parties.

Lou has been busy working with Mick and members of the Stewardship Commission to finalize their charter document and approval is expected soon. In other commissions matters, for Parish Life, Martha and Lisa reported that the Knights of Columbus are taking steps to attract new members. For Peace and Social Justice, Joan and Matt reported that two parishioners are being mentored to assume responsibility for the wheelchair ramp ministry at an appropriate time. Finally, for Spirituality and Worship, Connie and Alice reported that liturgies for the latter stages of Lent, Holy Week, the Triduum, Easter and the Easter season are being finalized and that the Ministry of the Week feature will return to the parish bulletin this spring.

Those present then spent considerable time discussing the status of the parish festival which is scheduled for August 7-8. The Finance Council recently met and came to the consensus that members Janice Malinowski and Michelle Biscan should meet with the current festival chairpersons as soon as possible to receive updates on the planning process for this year's event. At this Parish Pastoral Council meeting it was determined that Bob and Matt should join Janice and Michelle in that meeting with festival chairpersons which would take place after the four designated Finance Council and Parish Pastoral Council members meet by themselves to make a plan for what should be accomplished when they meet with festival chairpersons. Further updates are expected at the council's April meeting.

Those present then looked ahead to the March 11 and March 18 discernment sessions at which time Lou, Martha, Bob and Connie, whose terms expire this year, are eligible to rediscern if they so choose. Fr. Marty is still accepting names of parishioners who would be willing to attend discernment sessions.

Finally, Fr. Marty provided a brief update on the diocesan planning process. Priests met with Bishop McClory in advance of the announcements made at parishes throughout the diocese at Masses the weekend of February 28-March 1, and during that meeting Bishop McClory encouraged parishes to develop vision and mission statements aligned with the diocese's missionary discipleship initiatives. Fr.

Marty believes the current St. Michael Parish vision and mission statements are already in alignment with the diocese's missionary discipleship initiatives, and those statements will be useful as the parish resumes its own parish strategic planning process this fall.

Fr. Robert closed the meeting by leading those present in praying the Glory Be. Additional meetings are scheduled for April 6 and May 11 at 7 p.m. in one of the meeting rooms in St. Patrick Hall and on June 19 at the rectory.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Cox