

ST. BRENDAN PASTORAL COUNCIL – MINUTES OF MEETING MAY 7, 2026

PRESENT: Fr. Mark Betti, Fr. Dass, Stephen Candela, Kenneth Conn, Madeline Dubas, Ginny Grant, Bob Houser, Laura Kniaz, Celeste Korpon, Bob McGahran, Charles McShane. Sandra Nelson, Thomas Ocasio, Carol Rowane, Vincent Russo, Michael Schmid. **EXCUSED:** Steve Bonawitz, Jean Briese, Ada Flores, Gerald Greco, Bert McGoff, Paul Schaefer.

1. Ginny Grant welcomed the members. Fr. Mark opened the meeting at 9:35am with a prayer.
2. Minutes of meeting held on April 22 were approved as written.
3. **FINANCE:** We presently have just under \$478K in general checking plus \$252,000 in our savings/reserve account. Still waiting to be billed for a total of \$206K on completion of previously reported projects. Funds are available to cover these bills. With the payments to be made on May 12, just after 8 months of payments, we now have 12.9 years remaining to pay off the loan, down from 15 years. To date, we have saved \$50K in interest. We continue to pay double payments plus some each month toward the land debt. We continue to be quite stable financially through the generosity of our parishioners. Finance Council is beginning to formulate the budget for Fiscal Year 2027 and requests all committees submit their budgets.
4. **PASTOR'S REPORT:**
 - a. The Lenten luncheon/prayer services were so well attended that the GSMA has chosen to continue them for the rest of the year to coincide with special events. The first is being held at Calvary Baptist Church on May 7, the National Day of Prayer; followed by July 1 at St. Brendan in honor of America's 250-year anniversary; September 11 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in commemoration of 25 years of 9/11; November 25 at St. James Episcopal Church for Thanksgiving; and lastly, on January 18 in honor of Martin Luther King. All are invited. Hopefully, the Pastoral Council will be well represented.
 - b. Fr. Doug has returned earlier than expected. His 40th anniversary of ordination is Saturday, June 6. He will celebrate Mass which will be followed by a sit-down dinner in the St. Brigid of Kildare Hall. Attendance at dinner is by invitation only.
 - c. Approximately 100 attended Fr. Mark's presentation on his trip to Assisi last month.
 - d. Parish Festival (a Parish Life event) was held on May 3. Event cleared \$45,000. Also, 200 50/50 raffle tickets were sold for \$20,000 resulting in a split of \$10,000 for St. Brendan and payouts of \$5K. \$3K and \$2K to the three winning tickets. All proceeds will be applied to the land debt.
 - e. The Parish Hall will now be officially called St. Brigid of Kildare Hall as a donation has been made to allow for its Dedication. This renaming follows the Irish theme already in place with St. Brendan Parish, St. Patrick Eucharistic Adoration Chapel, McGivney Pastoral Center and the Knock Outreach Center.
 - f. Fr. Mark indicated that the software for the parish census cannot accommodate individual upgrades thru the office. Updates can only be made by individual parishioners. Possible suggestions to get records updated included the use of an email blast with form attached and committee chairs spearheading updates within their groups.
5. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Update on AI enabled Electronic Surveillance and Lock System.** System is now completely installed and working well. There are a few minor issues with locking system which will be rectified within the next two weeks. On May 13, the entire campus will be closed from 1:00pm to 4:00pm for testing with police presence.
 - b. **Deacon Bob's 45th anniversary celebration.** At the 4:00pm Mass on May 16, the Parish will celebrate his anniversary with Deacon Bob on the altar followed by a cake and coffee reception in St. Brigid of Kildare Hall. Per his request, no receptions will be held following Sunday's Masses.
6. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Parish Vision**—No further information.
 - b. **Fr. Dass** – Had a wonderful visit with family and friends in India. The Parish was most happy to have him safely back.
 - c. **Roundtable/Agenda:**

- Meeting schedule for remainder of 2026 was presented as follows: June 4, July no meeting. August no meeting, September 3, October 1, November 5, December 3.
- Charlie McShane proposed having a seminar with local funeral homes such as was held with Medical vendors. Questions were raised about the Church's position on "green" funerals and the new "aquamation". No guidance has yet been received on these two new forms other than burials must be respectful in disposition.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building and Grounds—See attached report.

St. Michael Ministry—See attached report.

Knights of Columbus—See attached report. Following the 9:00 Mass on May 25, the 4th degree Knights will hold a memorial service in St. Brigid of Kildare Hall. Service will include a presentation at 9:45am by the Brigadier General who assisted with Wreaths Across America. They will also have a "Missing Man Table". On May 30, they will pray the 5th Sunday rosary. Three to four new members will be inducted at the May 15 meeting.

Columbiettes—See attached report. Nine scholarship applications have been received and will be evaluated on May 14.

Five new members will be inducted at the May 14 meeting.

Faith Formation—See attached report. Diane Nagle wished to thank all those who helped make this year a special one for all.

Liturgy—See attached report.

Hispanic—No report.

8. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 4, 2026 following the 9:00am Mass.

9. Fr. Mark adjourned the meeting at 10:09am with a prayer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities Management Report - April 2026

HVAC: Nothing new to report

Janitorial: Nothing new to report

Plumbing: Nothing new to report

General: Work continues repairing kneelers and pews that are damaged and misc. repairs around the campus as they arise.

Parish Inventory:

Electrical: One Emergency light in the Library bathroom was replaced.

Roads & Grounds: Mowing has begun on the new Land Parcel.

Roof: Nothing new to report

Misc.: We had our Annual Fire Marshall inspection in the main Church building to include the Gathering Space and Parish Hall. He advised us that there are 5 open permits dating back as far as 2019. Facilities is working with the contractors involved to get them closed out.

Fire Alarm / Sprinkler System:

Underground for new FDC (Fire Dept Connection) has been installed. Contractor is waiting to hear from Fire Marshall regarding the required Hydrostatic test on the underground. Once passed, they can

complete the above groundwork. This will include the new FDC fitting and connection to the existing Sprinkler riser.

A Leak in the dry sprinkler system was discovered and repaired in the Sanctuary outside of the Cry Room

Facilities Look Ahead

- Continuing with Preventative Maintenance of all mechanical systems.
 - Install window coverings in Conference Room # 2 in MJMPC
 - Monthly set up in Parsh Hall for Faith Formation
 - Refresh the stone walk way in the St Francis Prayer Garden.
 - Working with Fr Mark and Fr Dass to design The Portiuncula in the St Francis Prayer Garden
-

Saint Michaels' Ministry (SMM) PAC Monthly Report – April 2026

Medical / Security Incidents

One Security Incidents occurred during April 2026 as follows:

At approximately 9:20 am on 4/5/26 Sacristan Mike Schmid approached Saint Michael Minister/Security Tom Ocasio in the Gathering Space to advise that one of the parishioners, who had arrived early for the 10:00 am Mass, was upset because Sacristan Schmid had asked him to wait in the Gathering Space until the 8:30 mass had concluded. At that time approximately 25 to 30 parishioners had arrived early and were waiting calmly in the Gathering Space.

As I was talking with Sacristan Schmid, the upset parishioner came over and started yelling at him claiming that he was rude. As Sacristan Schmid again tried to calmly tell him that the next Mass was at 10:00 am, the parishioner started raise his voice telling Sacristan Schmid, "Don't talk to me or I am going to knock you out!" At that time, SMM Ocasio stepped between Sacristan Schmid and the parishioner. SMM Ocasio asked him to calm down and to please lower his voice. SMM Ocasio then asked him to go outside to continue this conversation. The parishioner complied and SMM Ocasio followed him outside as he continued to yell how Mike had no right to tell him he couldn't celebrate Mass (which Sacristan Schmid never said) and how the ushers are always rude to him.

As we exited the Gathering Space, he continued to complain (mumbling something SMM Ocasio couldn't understand) and continued to leave the facility with no further confrontation.

Integrated Security System:

- Beta testing of all areas of the new systems is ongoing. Any issues that are identified are being resolved to ensure optimal system functionality.
- Ongoing User Training of the Functional Coordinators and Ministry Representatives will continue as needed.
- Installation of Security Film in the gathering space has been completed. Final inspection and edge sealing has been completed. As a reminder: Do Not stick anything (tape etc.) to the inside of the windows or doors as this could damage the film.
- The first of three installment payments for installation of the bullet-proof glass over the chapel's stained-glass windows have been sent to the vendor. Once the materials are received, a timeline for installation will be established.

New Business:

SMM has been tasked with identifying possible options to address the utilization of restricted parking areas, during highly attended masses. Ariel footage of the parking areas campus-wide was delayed due to weather. Once the aerial footage has been received and analyzed, recommendations on how to best address these parking issues will be explored.

SMM Rick Skorny with input from the Saint Michael Ministry, Leadership Team, is identifying the budget needs for the 2026-2027 SMM budget period, to be submitted upon completion.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- The Knights have assisted distributing baby bottles before Masses to assist the pregnancy center.
- The Knights prayed the Rosary for Life on Friday, May 1.
- On Sunday, May 3rd, the Knights and Columbiettes attended the 8:00am Mass for deceased members followed by breakfast at Crow Creek Golf Club.
- On May 11 at our monthly meeting, we will be inducting 6 men into the Knights.
- On May 25, the Knights will be hosting a Memorial Day Service after the 9:00 am Mass

COLUMBIETTES

Since we just recently had a Parish Council meeting there is not too much to report

- We are expected to initiate 5 new members at our meeting Next week.
- We have received 6 Scholarship applications as of May 1st and will be reviewing them in the next week.

Family-Centered Faith Formation—2025-2026 School Year

The last session for the 2025-2026 school year of Children's Faith Formation was May 3rd, 2026.

- About 100 children from Pre-K to Grade 8 attended. It was a special day for the children and the Catechists.
- We will have Registration for Children's Faith Formation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, and Baptism in August.
- On Sunday, May 10, Mother's Day at the 9:30 AM Mass, Skye Harris will crown the Blessed Mother. She is very excited and happy to do this.

Tom and I are very appreciative to the 17 Catechists who are very dedicated to this faith-filled ministry with the children. There are 7 Helpers who give that extra assistance in the classroom to the Catechists. It was a successful school year! We are blessed!

It is beautiful to see how each year the children are growing in faith and seeing how they realize that Jesus loves them.

Liturgy Committee Mtg. Minutes - 04/23/26

1. Opening Prayer – Father Mark
2. Comments – Father Mark – In response to a question asked by a parishioner -We don't usually use processions on Palm Sunday/Easter Vigil because of our population. We do a procession out after the Holy Thursday Mass and all interested parishioners are welcome to participate.
3. Review/possible changes for the 2027 Lenten Season:
 - ü The Friday morning Stations of the Cross will remain and an additional Stations of the Cross will occur during the evening to accommodate parishioners who work during the day. A further discussion of the addition/change will occur in January.
 - ü The Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper will be changed to 6pm instead of 5pm to allow people who work an opportunity to attend.
 - ü The Easter Sunday Mass Schedule worked!!! It was suggested that we keep the same schedule for 2027. It was suggested that we make additional efforts (announcements, external signs, posts in the newspaper, etc.,) to inform people about the change of Mass times for Easter Sunday.
 - ü Pentecost Sunday --the Vigil on Saturday May 23 looks like a "Mini Easter Vigil" and is not the same as the Mass on Pentecost Sunday.

ü The Ascension of the Lord -the mass has been permanently changed to Sunday May 17th. There is no seventh Sunday of Easter.

4. Committee Reports

Ø Music/Cantors – Sandy Payne – Easter went well

Ø Choir – Sandy Gemach – Tenebrae went well; choir sings through Pentecost; Contemporary Choir ends their schedule on May 30th.

Ø Devine Mercy – Neil Kraft – volunteered to implement the Devine Mercy Service from Good Friday to Devine Mercy Sunday.

Ø Enhancement Committee – Easter enhancements will be removed on May 21st. And we are making arrangements to have the Easter Flowers planted in the Prayer Garden. It was suggested that Father Dass be contacted to oversee the design for the plantings. It was indicated that Sister Mary Theresa would contact her evening group regarding possible volunteers to assist with the endeavor.

5. Date of next meeting – September 02, 2026

6. Closing Prayer – Father Mark
