

**St Francis de Sales
Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)
Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2026, 7pm
SFdS School Cafeteria**

Attendance – John Bruening, John Mitchell, Fr Mike Nartker, Bro Paul Hoffman, Lee Burroughs, Woody Widman, Rosemary Byes, Mary Kishman

1. **Welcome & Opening Prayer** – Brother Paul led the group in an opening prayer. John Bruening distributed the agenda.
2. **Finance** - John Mitchell reported that as of January 31 we have a deficit of \$144,000 which is \$19,000 less than last month. EdChoice accounts for most of the deficit. This is due in part to the slow process of EdChoice funding. In Feb/Mar/Apr we should see continued improvements in the deficit. January collections were down due to inclement weather however we are still \$1900 ahead of last year. We are close to meeting our projected budget. Gloria is working on the 26/27 budget. We are also preparing the operating budget and capital expenses for the school for CISE. The final draft is due May 2026. We had approved this deficit funding previously. Mass collections are up 13% representing a \$17,000 improvement. At this point we are about \$2,000 behind our target. A few years ago, we invested \$100,000 from the Bokenkotter funds etc. with a return of \$43,000 on the \$100,000 investment. Finance committee recommends investing \$500,000. We have been in contact with Robert Banks (Manager of Director Institutional Investments). These investments will help us build our reserves and continue to fund our Bokenkotter Social Justice awards and Dr Rae Hartman scholarships. This is considered a long-term investment. We can reap the benefits, and the Archdiocese does not control these funds. Our other monies are in green notes which the Archdiocese does control. *Joe Nurre motioned that we support the Finance Committee's decision to invest \$500,000. John Bruening seconded the motion. All committee members affirmed the motion.*
3. **Synod Survey Update** – The committee meets the end of this month to finalize the presentation for the parish community. There will be a 2-page insert in the bulletin on April 12. Results will be summarized and several actions will be noted. On the 31st of this month, a letter is being sent to Archbishop Casey informing him of our synodal efforts thus far and St Francis de Sales Parish's full support of the upcoming Synod for the Archdiocese.
4. **HVAC and Roof** – John B. met with individuals from DM Morse and the Perfection Group to determine the process for installation. All the work will be over summer break. There will be no problem between HVAC, ROOF and ongoing school window replacement. We are still waiting on the 2nd VRF proposal from Entervise. If Entervise does not come through with a proposal another possible contractor is Mechanical Optimizers.
5. **School Windows** – More windows will be installed during Spring Break.
6. **Church Basement** – We need to replace some of the windows in the basement. There are concerns with security. It is a difficult project because of the thick walls creating difficult

access for removal and installation. John B. has been trying to find a contractor. McAndrews gave him a quote of \$8645 for 4 windows. John M. suggested contacting SSRG. John M. will give Jake at SSRG a heads-up.

7. **Stain Glass Window Lighting** – The project will be on hold until a later time.
8. **Parish Picnic** – Mary stated we could not get the LaRosa food truck. The only option would be to buy the pizzas and serve them out of the cafeteria. John B said we should forget LaRosa. He suggested IZZY and gave Mary contact info. Mary will contact IZZY. We are still waiting to hear if the scholarship recipients and families are coming. We need to place a “Save the Date” announcement in the bulletin for the Parish Picnic on July 12.
9. **Church Doors** – John B. met with Weberdings Carving Shop. They did have some concerns about the masonry around the doors. *Because of the difficulty with finding craftsmen who do this work there will not be 3 quotes.*
10. **Facilities Support** – We still have seen no interest in the position. John B will meet with Lindsey at Purcell Marian to discuss her hiring practices.
11. **Spring Clean Up of Grounds** – Will need to set up a time for weeding/mulching etc. when Lee B. returns.
12. **Beacons of Light and St Francis deSales and Annunciation Parishes** – Fr. Mike and Br. Paul will meet with Father Tim at Annunciation on April 9. One topic will be the nature of the relationship between the two parishes. PPC thought it might be a nice gesture to invite Annunciation to the picnic.
13. **Parish Updates** – Sunday Mass attendance for February was a total of 970. 8:30 Mass avg. 91.5 and 11am Mass avg. 145. Overall, Sunday avg. 242. Refer to the bulletin for the upcoming Holy Week schedule. Father Bob Jones, a member of the Marianist Provincial Council visited on Sunday and Monday. It was a positive visit. Brother Paul has been in contact with Bethany Doverspike, Chief Advancement Officer at Purcell Marian who does much of the scheduling for Staubach Stadium. Brother plans to confer with Bethany frequently to avoid parking conflicts between stadium events and parish activities such as weddings and masses. So far parking has not been a problem. April 12 Donut Sunday will be in the cafeteria to allow the parish community to welcome those who received sacraments at Easter Vigil and allow the Green Team to set up Earth Day items.
14. **Next meeting** – Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 7pm in the school cafeteria.

Respectfully submitted,

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