



# St. Mary School

## ~ M E E T I N G Minutes ~

School Advisory Council

June 18, 2025 | School Library

Called to Order 6:30 pm Adjourned 8:10pm

Members in Attendance: Fr. Ben Martin, Megan Glynn, Lori Schaub, Toby Wegener, Barb Platts (Virtual), Sandy Grant, Amanda Kohler, Tina VanderWulp, Absent: Cory Schaub

Other: Daniel Kaupas, Parent, Penny Clemens Superintendent of Schools- Diocese of Gaylord

### MISSION STATEMENT:

St. Mary Catholic School educates preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in an environment based on Gospel values. St. Mary School guides students to recognize their God-given potential and develop their talents to become leaders who are committed to their faith, lifelong learning, and service to others.

### VISION STATEMENT:

St. Mary Catholic School will be the school of choice for families who are seeking a school with strong Catholic values and excellence in academics, athletics, fine arts, and Christian service.

- Opening Prayer
- Public Comment- None
- School -Megan Glynn, Principal
  - [Principal Report](#)
  - MHSAA Membership Resolution-passed
- Athletics -Toby Wegener, Athletics Director
  - [Athletic Report](#)
- Finance- Lori Schaub, Business Manager
  - [Business Office Report](#)
  - [Facilities and Maintenance Flow Chart](#)
- Advancement- Barb Platts, Advancement Director
  - [Advancement Office Report](#)
  - [Auction Volunteer Summary](#)
- Fr. Ben Martin
  - Vicariate Meeting summary
    - Fr. Ben shared information presented at the vicariate meeting on June 10 at Immaculate Conception. The Diocese of Gaylord is experiencing a declining number of priests. Many active priests are near or past retirement age. The demographics of parishes are shifting. This is not a new issue as information from

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a 2009 study was reviewed that included suggestion on how to cluster parishes to serve the needs of the church. A second meeting is scheduled in October. St. Mary Parish Council, Finance Council, and Administration attended.

- Old Business
  - Strategic Planning
  - Membership
- New Business
  - Human Sexuality- Maturation Program
    - Reviewed father /son maturation program presented at St. Francis Petoskey
    - Discussion and planning to develop a program will continue so that an parent/son program would be offered in the Fall '25 and Spring of '26
  - TABLED due to time-Concert/Music program
    - Song Selection

Next Meeting: TBD