

St. Thomas and St. Clare Pastoral Council Meeting

Date: February 17, 2026

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: St. Clare

Attendance: Father Steve, Ed Leuck (co-chair) Mark Beck, Jeff Brekke, Jim Daniels, Brian French, Woody Richey, Sarah Crupi

Joint meeting Portion:

- Fr. Steve led joint council with an opening prayer.
- Father Steve and Ed highlighted events of 175th year Jubilee include Spring choir concert on May 3rd and the 50th World Marriage Day Celebration on February 14th at St. Thomas.
- Council members have not heard any concerns about changes to St. Thomas' Mass schedule
- Council agreed to schedule review of Strategic Plan at September meeting

St. Thomas Agenda (6:50 p.m.):

- Woody reviewed progress on progress on new kitchen.
 - Feedback from all users on kitchen has been incorporated into proposed kitchen layout.
 - Next steps to receive pricing from builders, selection of appliances, and review of plans with Diocese.
- Fish Fry scheduled for March 6, March 20, and March 27. February 27 fish fry cancelled.
- Kelly Malchine presented updated on efforts to develop old church in community center/ museum now titled as Waterford Area Heritage Center.
 - Purpose statement presented as "Uniting as a community to preserve the historic St. Thomas Church as a landmark by honoring our heritage and serving future generations."
 - Five goals have been identified for next 60-90 days include creation of draft bylaws and 501c3 documents to begin collection of money to begin

marketing activities with specific focus on “getting the word out” by May 3rd concert

- Council approved Old Church Committee to expand possibilities for old church from a museum to a community center.
- Committee Reports presented:
 - Mark indicated the stewardship committee is planning new member reception on April 18th
 - Sarah agreed to be Parish Council liaison for Faith Formation

Father Steve ended meeting at 8:01 pm with prayer.