

Approved Pastoral Council Minutes, March 5, 2026 Meeting, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Vision: To be a growing community that inspires all to follow Jesus with a spirit of inclusion, compassion and service.

Mission: We encourage all to deepen their relationship with Jesus through scripture, prayer, stewardship, and ministry to others.

Tag Line: Follow Jesus Serve Others.

Meeting Notes

Attending: Father Joy Thachil (Parish Priest), Mike Flaherty, Dan Ryan (Trustees), Sue Switalski (Parish Associate), Dave Knoll (Parish Council Chair), Ellen Park (Secretary), Jason Metz, Sharon Wrotecki, Rachel Henderson, Jim Schutte, Mickey Holtz, Fidel Mangwiza

Excused: Anne Dettlaff, Rita McGann, Dave Chudy, Paula Lucey, John Plant

Absent:

Dave Knoll opened the meeting, followed by Bible readings; Council members shared input relevant to the readings.

The Vision and Mission statements were read, as well as the tag line,

The minutes for the February 5, 2025 meeting were approved.

Reports

Father Joy:

- Tri-Parish Lenten confessions: going very well.
- Law Enforcement Handout: specifying the Archdiocesan policy for responding to law enforcement coming to your church; mainly for church staff.
- Additional security training: scheduled on a future Saturday morning; dates/times still to be determined.

Mike Flaherty:

- January financial report: January 2026 collections were significantly higher than budget and January 2025. Year-to-date totals are 1.1% above prior year and basically flat with budget. The parish continues to control its spending.

Sue Switalski:

- Lenten Parish Mission: Talia Westerby speaking this weekend; Al Mccauley speaking on Wednesday, March 25 and Thursday, March 26.
- Lenten Activities: Stations of the Cross each Friday, Communion Prayer Services on Wednesday evenings, Lenten small groups, Labyrinth

- Sister Marie-Kolbe Zamora: Presentation was very well received by the parish; a recording is available.
- Archdiocesan Parish Council: All deaneries are gathering this Saturday.
- OCIA candidates: blessing after 10:45 Mass, three weekends in a row, starting this weekend
- Anointing of the Sick: Saturday, March 14, after 5pm Mass; Sunday, March 15, after 8:30am Mass

Old Business

- Retreat: has been moved to fall
- May Crowning: details being coordinated by the Seton Seniors.
- Stewardship: reviewed definitions; objective to help ministries reinvigorate what they are doing in the parish

New Business

- 2026 discernment: Three positions need to be filled; proposal to have ad hoc committee reporting to the Council; review what has been done in the past; process to be implemented mid-April/mid-May; final discernment at the June meeting.

Council members joined in Prayers for Others; Father Joy led members in prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm; the next meeting is on Thursday, April 9, 2026.