

## Approved Pastoral Council Minutes, February 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 (Trustee), Sue Switalski (Parish Associate), Rita McGann (Director of Administrative Services), Dave Knoll (Parish Council Chair), Jason Metz, Sharon Wrotecki, Dave Chudy, Rachel Henderson, Jim Schutte, Mickey Holtz, Fidel Mangwiza, John Plant

**Excused:** Paula Lucey, Anne Dettlaff, Ellen Park

**Absent:** Dan Ryan

Dave Knoll opened the meeting at 6:30pm. The Bible reading was John 8:12, the gospel reading was Matthew 5:13-13. Council members discussed the meanings of “salt of the earth” and “light of the world.” Key point: “Salt and light do not exist for themselves.”

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

The minutes for the January 8, 2026, meeting were accepted.

### Reports

#### Father Joy:

- Expressed gratitude to everyone involved in planning and running the successful “Trivia Night.”
- Ash Wednesday is approaching soon.
- Lenten Prayer Service and Communion will take place on Wednesday, February 25; Labyrinth on Thursday, February 26. These services will continue weekly.
- A Lenten Penance Service is scheduled for February 28 at Holy Apostles, for parishioners of Holy Apostles, St. Luke, and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.
- The Wine Tasting event will be held on February 14, with all 120 seats already sold.

#### Rita McGann:

- Six-month Financial Report shared.

- Considering AED refresher course.
- Transporting parishioners not encouraged due to liability reasons.
- New Berlin Police Department completed security training, open to providing more sessions.
- Security team will develop emergency plans and communication methods for parishioners.
- Reviewing options to replace aging speaker system with new speaker and whisper system.

**Sue Switalski:**

- Sister Marie-Kolbe Zamora will speak at Seton on Sunday, February 22 at 9:30am and Monday, February 23, at 6pm.
- Lenten small groups are forming.
- Seton Senior group is tentatively planning the Crowning of Holy Mother for May.
- Pastoral Council discernment begins next month.

## **Old Business**

- Paula intended to talk about stewardship and create a new stewardship statement using feedback from the exercise she conducted two sessions ago. We will revisit this topic when she returns.

## **New Business**

- If anyone is interested in participating in the upcoming deanery meeting, please contact Dave Knoll. The next meeting is scheduled for April 27.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm; the next meeting is on Thursday, March 5, 2026.