

Ave Maria Women's Society

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Minutes of the Meeting - April 8, 2026

- The meeting was called to order, followed by a spiritual reflection presented by Margaret West. Everyone appreciated the lesson shared.
- A thank you was extended to the lunch crew for preparing the meal.
- The Secretary's Report for the December 9, 2025 meeting was published online at www.avemariaparishmi.org. Each table also had a printed copy of the minutes. The minutes were accepted.
- The Treasurer's Report was read by Rose Lilly. A motion to accept the report was made by Arlene Leigh and seconded by Barbara Hazuka.
- Prayers were offered for Tom Fockler, Cindy McDaniel and her granddaughter and nephew, Joan Bieniek, Mary Ann Godzwon, Darlene Surhigh, and Kim Calka's brother, Bobby, who recently passed away.

OLD BUSINESS

- Homebound for Easter recipients were very thankful for the gifts received.
- The Fashion Show at the Knights of Columbus in Lexington, scheduled for September 19, 2026, has been confirmed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Rose Lilly, President of the Eastern Region of Catholic Women, invited everyone to attend the next meeting. It will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Good Shepherd Parish, in Ubly, Michigan. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 2:30 p.m. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served. The cost is \$15 per person. Rose noted that there will be two guest speakers: Father Ron Wagner and Tony Szczygiel. Father Ron will present a talk titled "Dialogue with the Lord," and Tony Szczygiel representing Sleep in Heavenly Peace, will speak about the nonprofit organization that builds beds for children in need.

- ***Giving Tree Update:*** A big thank you was extended to Marcia Hart and Jane Orr for their hard work in providing food to families, and to Marilyn Amormino, who was not present, for coordinating the gift portion of the Giving Tree. Marcia Hart and Jane Orr have resigned from their roles, but Marilyn will continue overseeing the gift program.
- New schedule for upcoming events has been tabled to the next meeting.
- ***PBJ (Providing Better Journeys) Presentation:*** Renee, CEO of Providing a Better Journey for Kids, gave a presentation about her organization, which supports children in the foster care system. The organization is currently focusing on St. Clair and Sanilac counties. They hope to send children ages six to twelve in foster care to Royal Family Kids Camp at Lions Bear Lake in Lapeer, Michigan. The camp costs \$40,000, and they are seeking partners and prayer support. A motion was made by Marcia Hart to donate \$2,000 to Camp PBJ, and the motion was seconded by Christine Black.
- ***Project Blessing:*** Thank you notes received from Croswell-Lexington Project Blessing and Carsonville Project Blessing were read by Jane Basler. Both thanked Ave Maria Women's Society for their generous donation of \$880.
- Father Bala's 20th year of ordination will be celebrated on Sunday, April 12, 2026 with Coffee & Donuts following the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Denis.

CLOSING PRAYER and ADJOURN

- Closing prayer made by Cathy Watson and meeting was adjourned.
- Next meeting will be at St. Mary Campus on May 12, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Basler