**PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

**April 22, 2025**

**Present:** Fr. John, Fr. Jaison, Fr. Christine Brinkman, Jason Messmer, Richard Kunkel, Tara Dreblow, Lynn Scheu, Michele Schoenbachler, Jane Fischer, Nathan Bradford, Lynne Bohnert, Deacon Keith

**Absent:** Jason Nord, Fr. Christian, Fr. Homero, Dan Fritch, Irma Alanis, Andrew Luke

The 7:00 pm meeting was called to order by Christine Brinkman.

**Opening Prayer –** Fr. John led us in prayer.

Jason Messmer made a motion to approve the March 2025 Parish Council minutes. Tara Dreblow made a second motion. All were in favor of approval.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Guadalupe Statue – Landscaping Around Statue – Fr. John
   1. Fr. John still working w/ Kevin Cox on landscaping. Kevin looking at replacing gravel..pricing of
2. Job Posting for Organist/Music Ministry Update – Fr. John
   1. Auditioning Andrea on Friday. Charles is still interested in position, but Sean is out
3. Bilingual Masses on Feast Days (Feast of St. Joseph the worker) – May 1st
   1. Still working on St. Jospeh Mass next week
4. Church Mosaics – Fr John  
    a. Matt Weyer still coming to give ideas on lighting. From balcony, can see all the gold in mosaics
5. Catherine from Bosco – Fr. John
   1. Looking for more of a presence, including in junior high (talking w/ other priests on this)
   2. Competing with Young Life…clarification, Bosco represents four parishes

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Lent & Easter Reflections – Fr. John

* Friday masses went well, along with Friday evening Faith Formations really nice turnouts.
* Easter masses were crowded. Change next year would be Fr. Homero should lead Holy Saturday

1. Eagle Scout Project – Fr. John  
   - More discussion if/where projects or if crowding into one area
2. Parish Council Members – Christine  
   - Three New Names were mentioned for possible New Members  
   - Fr Homero still having issues with getting individuals that are bilingual.
3. Review Parish Survey Feedback – Fr. John  
    - Will Discuss in June after everyone has opportunity review survey results
4. Catholic Jubilee “Pilgrims of Hope” -Fr. John  
    - Pilgrimage to Montreal…6 signed up. Fr. Christian had “last call” before opening up to other parishes  
    - Pilgrimage to Lady Guadalupe…turnout very low. Invited other parishes from Evansville
5. Open Discussion on Parish Council Items-  
    - Noise Level, especially at 9:00 am (Sun) masses. Noise from children primarily. Lost two Eucharist   
    Ministers and a Sacristan from 9:00 am mass…moving to another mass time due to noise of children.  
    - Easter masses (all of them) had no issues…everyone was reverent   
    - Fr. John will make a few additional announcements to see if can address situation.
6. Upcoming Events / Dates:
   * Reflections of Easter weekend (Holy Thursday thru Easter)
   * Bus Tour to four churches – April 22nd
   * Friday 6:00 am masses – April 25th and May 2nd
   * New Members Mass (Jasper)/Divine Mercy Mass (Huntingburg) – April 27th
   * First Communion – May 3/4th (First Weekend in May)
   * Mother’s Day – May 11th (Men’s Club hosting breakfast)
   * Parish Nominations -May
   * Blessings of the Bikes/Graduates Mass & cookout – May 18th
   * Spanish Mass – May 31st (Sat)
   * Parish Picnic – June 1st
   * Father Ackerman’s 90th birthday – June 4th
   * Father Ackerman’s celebration (9:00 mass)…celebration/breakfast to follow mass
   * Deacon Keith’s ordination – June 14th
   * VBS @ St. Joseph’s – June 17th – 20th
   * Rock Your Faith – July 6-9th
   * Quebec Pilgrimage – October 18th – 24th
   * Guadalupe Pilgrimage - November 9th – 15th
   * Vacations:  
      -Father Jaison – May 4th thru June 4th (India)

**Commission Updates**: (top points from each commission lasting 5 minutes or less)

Finance – Dan

* Starting to work on the budget. Will review next meeting

Justice & Charity (formerly Evangelization & Outreach) – Lynn

* Lynn & Courtney going to meeting on April 23. Talking to other churches in area to see the level of assistance for the Packing of Food over the Summer
* Bingo…May 12th @ Legacy
* Public Rosary on Saturday of Mother’s Day)…after 8:00 mass
* Taking up Mother’s Day collection (for expected mothers)

Evangelization & Catechesis (formerly Spiritual Life) – Andrew/Nathan

* Six kids and 17 adults came into the church
* Holy Water is flying out the door…great project
* Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be three days with Friday being a Fun Day this summer

Community Life – Michele

* Strassenfest parade again in August. Need walkers. Trying to get churches/Holy Trinity together
* New Member Breakfast is April (27th).
* Men’s Club will be hosting a Mother’s Day breakfast
* Starting Family Field Trips…more to come
* Coffee & Donuts going well…looking for people to host. Maybe asking Parish Council to assist
* May Crowning…Spanish Mass for this holiday….upcoming event

Liturgy and prayer – Lynne Bohnert

* May 1st…St. Joseph the worker
* Will have a Food Drive during the First Communion weekend (first weekend of May)
* No Wax in the pews during Easter…Good News to All

Latino – Irma/Fr. Homero

* Irma at Novena at 7:00 this evening due to funeral (young girl in Huntingburg)
* May Crowning weekend (plans being finalized)

**CLOSING PRAYER – Fr. Jaison**

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COMMISSION CHAIRS: Dan Fritch, Lynn Scheu, Michele Schoenbachler, Andrew Luke, Irma Alanis, Lynne Bohnert

STAFF MEMBERS: Fr. John Brosmer, Fr. Homero Rodriguez, Fr. Christian Raab, Fr. Jaison Kuzhiyil, Pam Freyberger, Tammy Mehringer, Tracie Ihle, Courtney Schmidt, Deacon Keith

**\*\* Tuesday, June 24th @ 7 PM will be the next meeting \*\***