

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

August 25, 2026

Attendance: Jason Nord, Jane Fischer, Nathan Bradford, Mitch Sermersheim, Norma Mares, Misty Bohnert, Michael Goepfrich, Alison Brandt, Beth Blackgrave, Lori Mehringer, Irma Alanis, Fr. John, Fr. Juan, Phil Mundy

OPENING PRAYER

Introduction of new members:

DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Holy Trinity vision discussion: In the future, move Holy Trinity and budget discussion to January. We need to think of ways to get more parents involved and engaged.
2. Food Box Installation is a work in progress
3. Ursuline Sisters: 3 Sisters are planning to come, but they are waiting on visas. 4. Nativity update: the Nativity has arrived; it is 3D and life-size. The total cost was approximately \$18,000. We are looking for donors/families to cover the cost of a figure.
4. Christmas gift fundraiser: 250-piece and 500-piece puzzles using the picture from the Fourth of July banners. Looking for gifts to give children for St. Nick's Day. A coin that can double as an ornament with a picture of Mother Theodore Guerin is being considered.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Elect officers: Jane Fischer was nominated for Chair, Jason Nord for Vice Chair, Alison Brandt for Secretary
 - a. Missy motioned to accept the new leadership, seconded by Mitch, approved with no objections.
2. Operations update - Phil Mundy
 - a. A study has determined that repair of the old rectory is not feasible. Locations are being considered for a new rectory.
 - b. 20-25 people have volunteered to clean the tower and rooms above the sacristy. They have been split into two teams. We have two cordless backpack vacuums for them to use.
 - c. Starting Aug 26, the parking lots will be resealed and restriped. The new lot will have slightly wider parking spaces. Cars are no longer allowed to park overnight in the church parking lot.
 - d. Work needs to be done on the AC system in the church.
 - e. German club wants to restore the engraving on the deliverance cross. f. Looking at all the roles that Rose Rasche filled and finding people to pick up those tasks. Added a volunteer to take care of sacramental records, and collection. Looking for someone to replace Julie Stone when she retires. Paula Alles

is retiring as a choir director.

g. Looking for volunteers for the safety team.

h. Looking for volunteer bus drivers to bus individuals on work release to Mass. i. It has been suggested to decrease the volume of the speakers in the church but add more of them to see if it makes it easier to hear in the back.

3. Father John update: parish will pay for the Hallow app, and then parishioners can use it. It would be similar to the Formed app.

4. Little Way Cafe <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VmwLG6vhkMo> a. Many people discussed positive experiences with similar programs. Some concerns were expressed for finding volunteers. It was suggested that it starts with an expanded coffee and conversation with sandwiches.

b. Wednesday night was suggested as a time when many people are coming for religious education anyway; it would give parents a place to go to visit and get to know each other, while being less ambitious than every day.

c. "What is the problem we are trying to solve?"

i. There is not enough community

ii. Church is not a part of people's lives.

5. Water filter ministry: tabled until next meeting

6. Future of Bosco: tabled until the next meeting

7. Name tags

a. Suggested that members of council have name tags to wear at church. Also name tags for all ushers.

b. Name tag Sunday once a Month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMISSION UPDATE: (top points from each commission lasting 5 minutes or less)

Finance – Dan

Justice & Charity – Beth Blackgrave : OCT 10 America Needs the Rosary Fatima rally, Sept 21 bingo at Serenity springs. Sept 21 family fest, on the square, will have some kind of give away with information about the church. Sept 15th, pack up

Evangelization & Catechesis – Andrew

Community Life – Lori Mehringer - Religious ed kickoff upcoming, Sept 20th reception for Paula Alles after 9:00 am mass.

Liturgy and prayer – Sept 28th mass of creation, living rosary on Oct 7th

Latino – Irma/Fr. Juan: Cursillo for women coming up. Will have youth retreats on multiple Sundays Aug - Nov (approx. every other Sunday)

CLOSING PRAYER

MEMBERS: Jason Nord, Christine Brinkman, Tara Dreblow, Jane Fischer, Nathan Bradford, Nathan Mehringer and Mitch Sermersheim, Norma Mares

COMMISSION CHAIRS: Dan Fritch, Lynn Scheu, Lori Mehringer, Andrew Luke, Irma Alanis, Lynne Bohnert

STAFF MEMBERS: Fr. John Brosmer, Fr. Homero Rodriguez, Fr. Christian Raab, Fr. Keith Hart, Tammy Mehringer, Tracie Ihle, Paige Kendall, Grace Merhinger

**** Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday, September 22 @7:00pm ****