PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes
September 22, 2026

Attendance: Jane Fischer, Alison Brandt, Jason Nord, Nathan Mehringer, Lynne Bohnert, Mitch Sermersheim, Norma Mares, Misty Bohnert, Michael Goepfrich, Andrew Luke, Steve Wininger, Lynn Scheu, Lori Mehringer, Irma Alanis, Fr. John, Fr. Keith, and Phil Mundy

OPENING PRAYER

Introduction of Steve Wininger

DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Misty Bohnert made a motion to approve. Lynne Bohnert seconded. Unanimously approved by Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ursuline Sisters: Fr. John shared the Ursuline Sisters are not expected to arrive until late spring or summer.
2. Nativity Update: The council reviewed progress on the Christmas nativity display, including completed figure commitments, storage, anchoring, outdoor placement, and coordination with another parish that has experience securing statues.
3. Christmas Gift Fundraiser: Jane reported progress continues with the Christmas gift fundraisers and related printed materials.
4. Food Box Installation: Still in progress, no updates.
5. Holy Trinty vision discussion will occur during the October Parish Councill Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ministry and Homebound Updates: Fr. John shared continued efforts to fill the many ministries which Rose Rache previously served. Support for nursing home residents, homebound parishioners, hospital visits, collection, anniversaries, and birthdays are being maintained. Fr. John expressed his appreciation for the volunteers who have accepted additional responsibilities. Additional communion ministers are needed for nursing home ministry.
2. Fr. Saju Update: Fr. Saju may arrive in the country soon, with hopes of being here by early November.
3. Hallow App: Information was shared regarding the parish's participation in the Hallow platform and member enrollment. An onboarding session for the Hallow platform is being planned.
4. Gathering Area Discussion: Discussed seating concerns including the quantity and placement of chairs. The space is designated for families with children yet also utilized by parishioners with accessibility/mobility reasons. Also discussed availability and storage of Missals. Further assessment of seating and accessibility options will be reviewed.
5. Usher Availability/Scheduling: The Saturday evening Mass has challenges with consistently having Ushers. Discussed creating a rotating schedule and recruiting additional ushers by personally inviting them to serve.
6. 50+ year Anniversary Mass & Luncheon: Discussed parish celebrations for couples married 50 years or more and for younger couples in five-to-ten-year marriage intervals, including possible Masses, meals, childcare, photography, and coordination between parish commissions
7. Parish Council Meeting moved to October 26th due to the K of C Priest and Religious Dinner on October 27th

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

Justice & Charity – Lynn Schue: Oct 10th America Needs the Rosary Fatima Rally, Sept 21st Bingo at Serenity Springs. Sept 21st is the Family Fest on the square. OCIA starts this Sunday with 17 people!

Evangelization & Catechesis – Andrew

Community Life – Lori Mehringer – Ann Brosmer helping with Home Bound, October 26th Bus Trip, October 24th Men's Club Steak Night

Liturgy and prayer – Lynne Bohnert - Sept 28th Mass of Creation, Living Rosary on Oct 7th, Memorial Mass on November 8th

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

CLOSING PRAYER

MEMBERS: Jane Fischer, Alison Brandt, Jason Nord, Nathan Bradford, Nathan Mehringer, Mitch Sermersheim, Norma Mares, Misty Bohnert, Michael Goepfrich, Steve Wininger

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

**** Parish Council Meeting – Monday, October 26 @7:00pm ****