

Meeting Minutes
Parish Pastoral Council
Tuesday September 9, 2025

Opening Prayer: 6:00 pm

Mission Statement:

Following Christ's example, we are striving to grow spiritually through worship, lifelong formation, education, and service.

We are dedicated to building a loving, caring faith community, sharing our gifts with all God's people.

In achieving our mission, we value prayer, reconciliation, participation, inclusion, outreach, stewardship, and respect for each person.

Approval of Past Minutes – Last meeting was May 13.

Attendance – Fr. Schomaker, Justin Jehn, Tom Hudepohl, John Garvey (absent), Anne Scheve, Kiana Kaelin, Beth Schoettle, Renee Oka, Brendan Connelly, Madonna Gieske- absent (Diocesan Deanery Pastoral Council), Joe Hemmelgarn

Pastor's Report:

1. Our Pastoral Council is an Advisory group established by the Diocese. Fr. Dan is a steward for the parish to provide for the people. Format to be council members bringing any ideas or comments to the meeting for discussion. Father will strive to be transparent with his own opinions during the discussions and listen to others. The council will not vote, but voice opinions. Father will be tasked with making the final decision that benefits the parish. The meetings are closed, but the information is public and will be published. Meeting schedule for the council will be monthly for the next quarter, with option to move to quarterly meetings. Special meetings can be called at any time. Email can serve as the interim communication for pop-up issues that need timely input. Copy Father and the council chairperson. This will land the item on the upcoming agenda and serve as immediate input if needed.
2. The survey of the parish came back and substantially the wants were worship and unity. Moving forward we will be collectively Blessed Sacrament in unity, and not separately BSS and BSC. This will be implemented in the spirit wear at school. Donut Sundays will be after every mass and different families will take turns hosting. This supports the idea of community and the larger context that we are one Blessed Sacrament family. First Communion will now be combined. In latter years, PSR had a separate ceremony. Now they will be combined. There will be a new server guild. Details to follow.
3. Father will work to improve the accounting system. All finances should flow through the parish. Currently the parish needs approval on check writing. All committees should flow through the parish as one point of approval to safeguard the parish financial stability. All accounts are reviewed by the Finance Council, which is made up of largely CPA individuals. Father Dan and Father Su do not touch the money but see paperwork and sign checks.

Committee Reports:

Committee reports will be given verbally by committee chair at each meeting, unless an electronic format is forwarded to the President for distribution prior to the meeting. No reports given at this first meeting.

Finance Committee	<i>vacancy</i>
Respect Life Committee	<i>vacancy</i>
Boosters Committee	Tom Hudepohl
Faith Formation	Anne Scheve
St. Vincent DePaul	<i>vacancy</i>
School Board	Kiana Kaelin
Vocations	John Garvey

Unfinished Business

1. Vacant Parish Council seats. Lacking a seat from the Finance Council.
2. Officer elections.
 - a. **Chairperson** (currently Justin) To assist the pastor in the preparation of the agenda. Although the Pastor presides over the Council, the Chairperson is appointed by the pastor to moderate council meetings, name all committees, notify each member of the next meeting, providing each member with an agenda for said meeting and a copy of the minutes of the previous meeting, at the time of such notification; to provide each member with a copy of the Constitution of the Council; and to be responsible for all correspondence and perform all duties customarily performed by the office of Chairperson.
 - b. **Vice Chairperson** (currently Tom) To moderate meetings in the absence of the Chairperson, or when the Chairperson desires to speak for or against a motion, or to make a second motion.
 - c. **Secretary** (currently John) To keep accurate minutes of meetings in a book designated for that purpose.

New Business

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Adjournment 7:00 pm