St Jude Pastoral Council – June 24, 2026

Attendees: Fr. Weber, Andy Schmitt, Annie Tower, Greg Branson, Susan Ray, Susie Cabrera, Julie Barber, Tom Mullooly, Tim Weiss, Peter Benz, Liesl Larson, Jacob Voss, Deanna Munoz

Approval of November Meeting Minutes:

- Motion by Greg Branson, second by Annie Tower. Unanimous approval.

Introductions of current and new members:

- Tim Weiss and Mickie Steldt are leaving the council. Jacob Voss and Liesl Larson are incoming members.

Pastor's Report:

- Staffing Update: Deanna Munoz joined as Pastoral Associate and a Facilities manager has been hired and will start in mid-July. Fr Mark has had his last Mass and has moved to his Pastoral Associate role in Racine. Fr Emmanuel plans to stay until mid-August. Fr Peter joining the parish in early August.
- Carmelite Procession: This year was very well attended and next year we will be partnering with St Vincent Palloti parish to join arms and finish the procession next year.
- Sanctuary renovation: Work begins following the coming weekend masses, with the initial stage being the movement of the chairs, microphones, piano, tabernacle, and lectern.
- Baptismal Font: No firm timeline set for the beginning of the renovation and installation, but not expected to begin until Fall

Finance Report:

- Budget officially finished in the black. The investment advisors for the long term investment assets provided an update. We are replacing two air conditioning units above the Day Care/Thrift Shop.

Liaison Reports:

Stewardship – The leadership committee will be meeting monthly over the summer, with the primary focus on initiating a search for a consulting firm that will help coordinate and execute the capital campaign associated with the upcoming parish centennial. Multiple companies have been identified and interviews are expected to happen between now and the return to school. Next step from there is to creating working groups in the different work areas for the Centennial that will have liaisons from the centennial leadership group but will be run by volunteers from the parish.

Faith Formation – Mickie Steldt stepping down as liaison with her exit from the council. No meetings since the last council meeting. The Love Begins Here mission trip started today (June 24) with 15 students.

Liturgical Commission – No meeting since last council meeting. No updates.

Human Concerns – No meeting since last council meeting. There is a consideration to start a volunteer driven Senior Ministry, with some possible leaders identified, to replace the JOY ministry leaving.

Women of St Jude – WOSJ helped coordinate an Exemplification Mass to recognize new Knights of Columbus members.

Men of St Jude – After Mass cookout scheduled for after the July 11 Saturday Mass. The Handmaids of the Lord are planning to attend the Mass and the ensuing cookout.

School Committee – No meeting since the last council meeting. Graduation was a success.

Donut Sunday – Tim Weiss to continue to chair the coordination of the Donut Sundays as it falls under the auspices of the Stewardship Commission.

Athletic Association - Track season was a success and the year-end party was the previous week. Volleyball registration is complete and tryouts/practice will begin before school starts.

Teaching Parish Commission – Joshua is doing well on his summer assignment in the Dominican Republic.

Youth Council – No meetings since last council meeting.

Strategic Plan Review:

A discussion regarding progress towards achieving stated strategic goals in the area of Parish Outreach. If an Objective has been achieved they are coded "Green", In

progress objectives are coded "Yellow", objectives that have been delayed in implementation are coded "Orange", and areas that have been suspended completely are coded "Red".

Goal 1: Outreach to MacCannon Brown. Was considered achieved going into the year and is still considered "Green" across all objectives. Only limitation is the inability for students to volunteer directly at the Sanctuary.

Goal 2: Organize activities with Parishes in our cluster. Objective 1 to organize an annual event was moved to "Yellow" because of the Just Older Youth initiative (JOY) and the eucharistic procession to the Carmelites. Objective 2 of enhancing relationship with St Vincent DePaul stays "Green".

Goal 3: Engage in the mission of the Catholic Church beyond our borders. Objective 1 of finding a sister parish in Milwaukee moved to "Red". Objective 2 of fostering a partnership with La Sagrada Familia was kept at "Orange". Objective 3 of raising funds for Fr Juvenalis in Tanzania was kept at "Green" due to the support provided in prior years.

It was proposed by Tom Mulooly that we consider amending how we review and manage to the strategic plan in the first meeting of next year, so that less meeting time is spent analyzing progress.

Leadership Assignments:

Chairperson: Andy Schmitt was nominated by Julie Barber to remain as Chairperson, Julie Barber was nominated by Andy Schmitt to remain as Vice-Chairperson, and Alvaro Garcia-Velez was UNANIMOUSLY nominated to remain as Secretary. All nominations were seconded and approved with no objections.

Liaison Appointments:

Finance Council – Peter Benz

Stewardship – Julie Barber

Centennial Commission – Peter Benz

Faith Formation – Julie Barber and Liesl Larson

Liturgical Commission – Jacob Voss and Andy Schmitt

Human Concerns – Susie Cabrera and Susan Ray

Women of St Jude – Annie Tower

Men of St Jude – Peter Benz

School Committee – Greg Branson

Athletic Association – Annie Tower

Teaching Parish Commission – Fr. Weber

Youth Council – Susie Cabrera

Parish Trustees – Tom Mulooly and Steve Gorzek