St. Jude Pastoral Council – August 26, 2026

Attendees – Fr. Justin Weber, Andy Schmitt, Andrew Meindl, Steve Gorzek, Julie Barber, Susie Cabrera, Julie Barber, Tom Mulooly, Liesl Larson, Greg Branson, Annie Tower, Peter Benz

Approval of June Minutes:

- Motion by Annie Tower, Second by Greg Branson. Unanimously approved

Pastor's Report:

- New window installation and a renovation to a 5K classroom completed over the summer. Deanna Munoz has been very active in implementing new activities for the Parish. Fr. Peter from Vietnam has moved into the Rectory and began orientation at Marquette. Charles Tackman is assisting with liturgy while attending the seminary. Fr. Emmanuel will be at the parish until October.

Finance Report:

- 415 students enrolled to start the school year. In line with expectations. Tuckpointing was completed around the garage at the rectory. Confidential Financial Statement was submitted to the Archdiocese. We had $1,261 surplus relative to the stated budget. Purple Envelope raised $45k for the fiscal year and $18k was spent from the purple envelope fund to cover capital expenses. The funds raised at the prior Gala for window renovations exceeded 145k and roughly 57k was spent during the fiscal year.

Liaison Reports:

Stewardship – Outreach has been made to parishioners that may be interested in joining the commission. An end of life seminar is getting planned for the Fall.

Faith Formation - Deana Munoz provided a written overview of the current activities which is attached as an addendum to these minutes.

Liturgical Commission – No recent meetings

Human Concerns – No meetings since May. Coordination with Deana Munoz has begun. A blood drive is scheduled for September 29.

Women of St Jude – No update

Men of St Jude – After Mass cookout to support the Handmaids raised over $3,000. A COR men's group meeting will be held at the Activity Center on the second Saturday of the month @ 7:00 AM.

School Committee – Changes to the shorts policy were discussed but no changes made to the current policy. New window coverings/blinds will be needed for the new windows, as the old coverings do not fit the new windows. Only one teacher position was replaced from last school year.

Athletics – Volleyball tryouts have happened and teams have been placed. We will be hosting Volleyball tournaments in October. Some coaching positions still need to be filled and there is no 4th grade boys team. The boys that registered have been split among the 5th grade teams.

Teaching Parish – Charles Tackman has dedicated space in rectory, alongside Joshua and will be assisting with liturgy when available. 5 parishioners meeting with each of the seminarians quarterly. Joshua is on track to be ordained a Deacon in two years. Charles is on track to be ordained a Deacon in one year.

Youth Council – Deana and Susie Cabrera are exploring opportunities to leverage the new High School Youth Core cluster as the youth liaisons to the pastoral council. The Youth Core group has been tasked with proposing some renovation concepts for the board room in the basement of the rectory.

Centennial Committee – Fr Weber and Celeste Stick have narrowed the search for a campaign consultant to two potential partners. Next steps are to contact references and make a final decision on who to hire, which could happen as early as the next Centennial Committee meeting. After that, we will be relying on guidance from the consultant regarding staffing and volunteer needs and the creation of a timeline for activities. Parish History sub-committee will be meeting at Wed, Aug. 30 @ 4:00, Tuesday, Sep. 8 @ 7:00. Special Event Planning sub-committee met on Wednesday, Aug. 19. Suggestion to create a web page and a page in the bulletin to provide updates and provides updates on sub-committee meetings and provides opportunities to volunteer.

Bereavement Breakfast – Scheduled for November 1

Thoughts and Plans for the Coming Year – Fr. Weber suggests that we focus on encouraging the parish committees that we interact with as liaisons to include at least 2 pillars of Community, Worship, and Service.

It was agreed to make the Centennial planning a regular agenda item for all council meetings for this school year.

Proposed change to meeting structure was to limit the defined agenda time to liaison reports and encourage liaisons to provide written updates on the status of the

commissions. If a topic from the parish commission needs review, approval, or support then it gets added to the minutes as a Discussion or Decision item.

Faith Formation Report- Pastoral Council (8/26/26)

Summer Mission Opportunities- Love Begins Here Mission

- *Middle School 10 teens and 3 adults (4 days- Waukesha)*
- *High School 2 teens and 2 adults (6 days- West Bend)*
- *The teens encountered Christ through attending daily Mass, acts of service in the community, working with many widows, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Adoration, small group sharing and through lots of game time with our friends.*

Ignite Middle School Youth Group

- *We held our first gathering August 5 at the Schoenstatt Shrine- Played kickball, ate pizza, Saint Activity, Marian Procession, celebrated Mass with Father Weber (31 people packed in the little shrine), and played Ultimate Frisbee. High School students helped serve as Peer Leaders. Everyone had a blast. The next gathering is Friday, September 11.*

Upper Room High School Youth Group

- *We held our first gathering on August 15. Celebrated Mass, get to know you activities, baked potato bar, games in the gym, Father gave a beautiful Marian talk at the base of the Mary statue in the church, contemplative prayer and ended the evening with a Saint activity with an emphasis on how the Saints had a devotion to our Blessed Mother. The next gathering will be Saturday, September 19.*

Faith Formation:5K-Confirmation

- *Confirmation Orientation is this Sunday and Monday. We have 31 people registered to attend at this time. That number may increase. Registrations are steadily coming in. We have all Catechists and small group leaders in place. Training will occur in the next couple of weeks for these groups.*

Service Opportunities for our Middle & High School Teens

- *Mickie, Mara and Deanna are working on the St. Jude the Apostle Helpful Hands- Connecting Young People, Parish, and Community Through Service. More information at the next Pastoral Council Meeting.*

Catechetical Conference

- *Leisl Larson & Maria Rodrigez attend at the Diocese with Deanna*

Young Adult Ministry

- Around 12 young adults joined our two teaching parish seminarians for a grill-out after Mass on August 22nd. Joshua gave a short reflection on sanctifying studies and Charles led Night Prayer to conclude the evening. The next event is September 26th with more details to come.

Expanded Small Group Adult Bible Study

- Will be meeting September 14th from 6:00 - 7:15 pm (same time as Faith Formation). The book for September's meeting is *Practicing the Presence of God.*

Adult Pilgrimage

- *The National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion (Wednesday, October 21 8:30am-6:00pm)*