

MINUTES
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
December 2, 2025, 6pm, Church Conference Room

NOTE: there was no November meeting

Opening Prayer – Mary Beth Robson

Attending: Bobbie Brennan; Eileen Cackowski, JoanLuther, MB Robson, Fr John Lijana, guest Chris Hettinger

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes from October28, 2025 meeting were approved

NEW BUSINESS:

- Christmas Give Away: flashlight in a little bag with candy. Joan will order and gather supplies.

LIASON REPORT:

- Liturgy; no meeting but see below for masses and events.
- School: see Jennifer's email (copied below); enrollment 191
- Finance: offertory analysis to be done in light of number of families; offertory increase program with stewardship focus is being considered. Theme:we are a good investment; have a tight budget, need to increase budget to keep up with price increases.
- Stewardship: Financial liturgy; car carebags; offertory increase program March or later; cookie reception Dec 16. Need cookie bakers; let Cricket know; drop off anytime

Laudato Si: garden club; solar evaluation

Yes Arts gave presentation to Ecumenical Council

PASTORS COMMENTS: None other than above

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Immaculate Conception – Holy Day of Obligation: December 8, 2025 8:15 am; 6pm Spanish

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe – December 12, 2025

Posadas – December 15-23, 2025

Christmas Eve Mass times – 5:00pm and 11:00pm (Carols before 11:00pm mass @ 10:30pm)

Christmas Day Mass time – 9:30am and 11:00am (Spanish)

Adoration – December 31, 2025, 6:00pm to 9:00am

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Day of Obligation – January 1, 2026 @ 9:30am and 11:30am (Spanish)

GSS Gala – March 21, 2026

Closing Prayer: Fr John

Next Meeting: January 6, 2026, at 6pm

Opening Prayer Volunteer:

School Report

Today was a traditional snow day. No school or after school activities.

The Frank W. Sower Trust will conclude on December 31, 2025, after 25 years of faithful stewardship and generosity.

An inquiry is being made to bring in a school resource officer. Multiple options to cover the costs are being considered and include SRO grant application and possibly raising tuition.

Winter Greenery has arrived! Please get with Emily Jones to arrange pick up.

191 enrolled students as of end of October.

Second Grade Behavior Specialist: Determined position is no longer needed; staff member will be repurposed.

Ms. Sage Sower will now assist with math and reading in small groups for second grade. Ms. Sower will also focus on social skills lessons with 1st-2nd grade; this will be a common language- social skills class between kindergarten (beginning second semester) and 2nd grade and as needed writing in 1st grade.

Proposal to modify school uniforms under consideration to include navy polo, khaki bottoms & plaid skorts.

Holiday Shop: December 8th -12th. Please get with Katie Brown to volunteer for wrapping and student assistance with shopping. You may also sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/jogJZVv>

Christmas program will be 12/16 at 6:00 pm.

The Red Wagon Advent project is underway. Donations will be dropped off at the Simon House and ACCESS on 12/19. If you'd like to donate, you can drop off personal hygiene and personal care items at the school office. Hand sanitizer and Lysol are also good options.

Grandparent Auxiliary Group pending: New Initiative launched to engage grandparents in school activities and donation opportunities at Good Shepherd.

Christmas Break runs 12/21 through 01/04. Back to school on Monday, January 5th.