

Minutes
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
August 4, 2026, 6pm, Church Conference Room

Attendance: Fr. John Lijana, Joan Luther, Jennifer Laracuente, Eileen Cackowski, Denise Johnson, Karen Pearl, David Artt, Hugh Mulligan

Opening Prayer – Eileen Cackowski

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes from July 2026 meeting were approved and will be sent to the Parish Office for website. Revised PPC Bylaws were ratified during the August 2026 meeting by those in attendance. Sections VII and VIII were updated to bring PPC bylaws in line with diocesan bylaws.

NEW BUSINESS:

Open Discussion was held as no new business was brought this month. Concerns raised included:

- Planning for pending Parish Picnic
- Need for Liturgical Ministers
- Regular ministry refresher training
- Overall need for ministry scheduling, training, and awareness

LIAISON REPORT:

- Liturgy
 - Faith Formation report was shared by Laura Hack with sacrament updates and additional faith formation opportunities.
 - Possible refresher trainings to be held annually for Liturgical Ministers.
 - Ongoing need for Eucharistic Ministers continues.
- School
 - School is in need of PTO president and primary Gala Chair.
 - Back to school bash will be 8/08/2026 from 5:30 to 6:30. The 4:00 mass will also include a student and family blessing for the upcoming school year.
 - Uniform updates were made to allow khaki, navy blue, and green plaid bottoms with white, light blue, and navy blue tops.
 - Next School Council meeting will be 8/25/ at 6:30 PM. Location TBD.
- Finance
 - Church budget noted as balanced, but overall decline in regular giving was stated. Church to evaluate external donations to determine if local or national donation request. Donations from the church should be focused locally.
 - School budget has been identified as having a large deficit.
 - Giving Wall project is up with positive feedback, including envelopes being actively taken and returned for need based donations.
- Stewardship

- Parish Picnic date to be determined. Denise will provide additional updates after upcoming Stewardship meeting. Ideas were discussed for how to provide the meal with KOC possibly preparing burgers and hot dos while Parishioners bring sides.
- Current campaigns include the Be Seeded project, School pick up line give away, and picnic planning.
- Cricket Hater has resigned and will no longer be leading the Stewardship Committee.

PASTORS COMMENTS:

Upcoming Liturgical Meeting will include discussion regarding ongoing music selection and overall better adoption of scheduling calendars.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Good Shepherd School Back to School Bash – August 8, 2026

Good Shepherd School First day of school – August 12, 2026

Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary (Not a holyday of obligation this year) August 15, 2026

Labor Day – September 7, 2026

OCIA – September 13, 2026

Parish Picnic - TBD

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: September 1, 2026, at 6pm

Opening Prayer Volunteer: Hugh Mulligan