

June 3, 2026 Pastoral Council Meeting Summary

Financial Report: April proved to be a strong month for collections. Nearly \$230,000 was received. The only out of the ordinary expense was to replace an air compressor in the Spiritan Center. It was reported a lot of cash was being held here which normally isn't done. Therefore, \$250,000 was moved to the Reserve Account with the Diocese because of the better interest rate it can accrue.

No Written Committee Reports Were Received

Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27: The 2026-2027 budget was reviewed for a final time and was approved by the Pastoral Council unanimously.

Old Business: Father John reported that his State of the Parish pronouncement would be released at the end of June. He also reiterated that two committees would be formed in the coming months; one regarding church renovations and the other to lay the groundwork for this church's 150th anniversary in 2029. Also, the capital campaign to raise money for the new K-6 school building will enter its public phase in October. More specifics about the building's structure will become available and everyone will be encouraged to fulfill the financial obligations that will be incurred. It's believed the building's construction would begin in 2027.

Pastor's Report: He talked about our newly-ordained Father Booker being away in June, which traditionally happens afterward, and how he'll be glad to have him with us starting in July. Father John was asked what he would typically want a new Associate Pastor to do? He replied there are three things he wants to see in any new priest 1) that he becomes comfortable in his priesthood. Learn that there is a routine which he will stick to. If he has questions about priestly things, they'll be answered 2) That he's comfortable saying Mass, hearing confessions, going to hospitals for communion calls, visiting the sick and working with couples who are preparing for marriage 3) Learn about the "ministry of presence." This means no administrative duties the first year other than attending staff meetings. Additional meetings would come in the second year such as finance and those types of meetings. He'd be challenged in the third year to start an initiative of some kind on his own.