

Holy Apostles Pastorate Council Minutes

3 February 2026

Members Present: Fr. Tom Clement, Fr. Jim Friedrich, Fr. Gary DeRouchey, Deacon Joe Tegethoff, Tricia Neugebauer-Saints Peter & Paul, Dimock; Brenda Millar-St. Ann, Geddes; David LaCompte- St. Paul, Marty, Diane Sandhoff-Sacred Heart, Parkston, Robert "Buzz" Durham-St. John the Baptist, Wagner.

Absent: Jim Werkmeister-St. Paul the Apostle, Armour, Darrell Mueller, St. Peter the Apostle, Platte, Russel Gall-St Mark, Lake Andes; Bud Koupal Assumption of the BVM, Dante.

Staff Members: Sr. Maribeth Wentzlaff, Discipleship/Evangelization.

Staff Members Absent: Bailee Mogck, Business Manager, JoNell De Haan, Pastorate Administrative Assistant/Communications, Marty Royston Facilities Manager

1. Fr. Tom opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Minutes from the 4 November 2025 meeting were reviewed-no corrections noted.
3. Confirmation: Confirmation is scheduled for Sunday, April 26, 2:00 PM St. John the Baptist, Wagner. Discussion followed regarding number of available seats and site/planning for the reception following the service. The Altar Society President of Wagner will be invited to join the discussion.
4. Fr. Friedrich invited Julie Uchylil to present an update to the group on the progress of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd education program being hosted in Wagner. Discussion included the process/cost of preparing certified trainers, space requirements and necessary items required for the atrium. If interested one may arrange a time to be an observer by contacting Julie. All were encouraged to ask questions.
5. Fr. Tom presented the next thematic goal: "Come back to me with all your Heart" (Joel 2:12). This goal is the focus for the next 3-9 months. Discussion and an update was held regarding how OICA and Cradle Catholic programs were going pastorate wide as well as the focus of Prayer and Fasting for the Lent.

In addition, the group discussed how the 40 hours of adoration within each triad might work. Each triad will do what works for them.

Another plan for Lent is the development of arranging Lenten Prayer Partners in each church. Parishioners wishing to participate will put their name in a receptacle at the back of their respective church prior to Ash Wednesday. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, those participating will draw a parishioner's name out and commit to praying for that individual throughout the Lenten season. The prayer partners may reveal their identity or remain anonymous until Easter.

And finally, parishioners will be encouraged to utilize the "Formed" website for selecting faith-based movies for viewing throughout the Lenten season, either as families or in groups.

5 b. Financial Assistance Fund was added to the agenda

This document was included for information and discussion. Fr. Clement explained that this document was received from Russell Gall and is only a concept for **review**. No action is required. The document entitled *Financial Assistance Fund* was provided for each participant to review during the meeting. This is a concept regarding how donations are proposed for pastoral families in need due to fire, accidents, or other tragedies etc. Discussion followed regarding the pros and the cons of such a plan. This document may be considered at a future meeting of the Holy Apostles Pastorate

6. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 5, 2026, at 7:00 PM.

7. Fr. Jim closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Sandhoff