

Holy Apostles Pastorate Council Minutes

29 September 2026

Members Present: Fr. Tom Clement; Fr. Gary DeRouchey; Fr. Jim Friedrich; Deacon Joe Tegethoff; Darrell Mueller, St. Peter the Apostle, Platte; Bud Koupal Assumption of the BVM, Dante; David LaCompte- St. Paul, Marty; Robert “Buzz” Durham-St. John the Baptist, Wagner.; Jim Werkmeister-St. Paul the Apostle, Armour; Tricia Neugebauer-Saints Peter & Paul, Dimock; Brenda Millar-St. Ann, Geddes; Diane Sandhoff-Sacred Heart, Parkston; Russell Gall-St Mark, Lake Andes;

Absent: Marty Royston, Facilities Manager

Staff Members: Sr. Maribeth Wentzlaff, Discipleship/Evangelization; Bailee Mogck, Business Manager; JoNell De Haan, Pastorate Administrative Assistant/Communications;

1. Fr. Tom opened the meeting with prayer (Chaplet of Divine Mercy)
2. Minutes from the 5 May 26 meeting were reviewed with correction – Catechesis of Good Shepherd has extended to Marty. It will continue in Wagner.
3. Catechesis of Good Shepherd:
 - a. Amy Doom has been trained at Marty. The atrium is partially completed at Marty and is in the process of being introduced.
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 - c. Wagner group has 8-9 children at the 3-6 year old level.
4. Pastorate wide Confirmation: 25 April 2027 at Sacred Heart, Parkston 2 – PM
5. Pastorate 2026 Annual Report was presented to the council. (A detailed report was provided to the council.) Below are some of the highlights.
 - a. Continue teaching Mass, Cradle Catholic class and OCIA.
 - b. Grief support meetings will be held monthly in Parkston, Platte and Wagner starting Oct 7th. “Seasons of Hope” will be utilized.
 - c. Council participated in a zoom presentation regarding a pastorate magazine. No decision was made at this time.
6. Our current thematic goal is “Staying connected to the Vine” (biblical metaphor Jn 15: 1-7).

7. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 12 January 27 at 7:00 PM.
8. Deacon Joe closed the meeting in prayer.