

**Blessed Trinity/St. John Evangelist  
Joint Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
January 20, 2026 6:30 PM Blessed Trinity Parish's Church Hall**

**Council Members Present:** Sarah Schueffner, Rick Michaletz, Al Mayer, Scott Birenbaum, Paul Garni, Terry Hartman, Nancy Mathieu, Mary Jo Schultz, Donna Stieghorst, Mason K, Siena M, Jim O'Neill

**Parish Staff Present:** Fr. Michael Lawinger and Julia Rodemeier

**Call to Order:** Sarah Schueffner

**Opening Prayer:** Father Michael Lawinger

**Approval of Agenda:**

Jim O'Neill moved to approve the agenda as presented. Rick Michaletz seconded it.

**Approval of Minutes –**

Rick Michaletz moved to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2025, Joint Pastoral Council meeting. Scott Birenbaum seconded it. Minutes were approved as written.

**Prayer Instruction: Psalm 51**

Father Michael read Psalm 51 allowing those present to reflect on the psalm. Following the reflection and a second reading of the psalm, Father Michael then led a discussion regarding the psalm.

**Old Business:**

- Nothing to report at this time.

**New Business:**

- Parish Community Engagement Committee  
Nancy Mathieu and Terry Hartman shared some insight from their attendance at a recent parishioner engagement meeting that was held at the Archdiocese. Nancy shared she felt that we were doing very well based upon discussions at the meeting but realized that there are additional things we could do to improve. Thoughts/ideas included:
  - Greeters (at Blessed Trinity) – ask the ushers to serve as a greeter as individuals arrive for Mass or recruit interested individuals to act as greeters.
  - Parish Mission – make sure that the parish mission of “working for the salvation of all souls” is central to what we do and improve our messaging around what our mission is.Nancy closed in saying the committee is always looking for more individuals that would be interested in being part of the Parish Community Engagement Committee.
- Faith & Food Socials  
Sarah Schueffner proposed that the Pastoral Council sponsor one of the future Faith & Food Socials that are planned. Sarah will check dates that are available and lead the effort of the Pastoral Council in planning it.  
NOTE: Sarah has signed up the Pastoral Council to host the Faith & Food Social on Sunday, June 7, following the 10:30 am Mass at Blessed Trinity.
- Projectors at Blessed Trinity  
Father Michael shared that the projectors at Blessed Trinity will no longer be utilized during Mass after Sunday, February 15. Going forward, Worship Aids will be used for Mass.

**Items for Next Meeting's Agenda**

- Julia Rodemeier asked that Pushpay, a new online giving platform, the parishes will be transitioning to be added to the next agenda. Julia would like to lead a demonstration on how it will work.

**Additional Notes**

Father Michael researched who the patron saint of St. Mary's Church. Father shared that Mary Help of Christian is the church's patron saint and the feast day for Mary Help of Christian is May 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Closing Prayer:** Fr. Michael Lawinger