

**Blessed Trinity**  
**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**  
**March 20, 2025 6:40 PM Catholic Life Center-Parish Meeting Room**

**Blessed Trinity Council Members Present:** Mary Jo Schultz, Sarah Schueffner, Natalie Kohlhagen, Mason Klahn, Jim Klich, Scott Birenbaum, Jim O'Neill, Tim Woodworth and Terry Rotter

**Parish Staff Present:** Fr. Michael Lawinger and Sandy Jordan

**Excused Absence:** Al Mayer, Deb Hasler, Sam Steckbauer and Makenzie Schroeder

**Call to Order:** Tim Woodworth

**Approval of Agenda:**

Scott Birenbaum moved to approve the agenda. Terry Rotter seconded it.

**Approval of Minutes – January 16, 2025**

Mary Jo Schultz moved to approve the minutes. Scott Birenbaum seconded it. Minutes approved as written.

**Committee Speaker: Human Concerns – Mary Jo Widder**

Mary Jo updated the Council of the many projects that Human Concerns has been involved with. They are a very active group who work on many great projects. The almsgiving initiative will focus on Catholic Charities this year and their mental health awareness services. On April 10 there will be a Lenten luncheon in Fond du Lac which supports Catholic Charities. The Help for the Homeless hygiene drive has ended and many donations were gathered. Easter baskets will be assembled on April 16. 73 baskets will be assembled and many donations have been gathered to add to the baskets. Volunteers help to assemble and deliver them. The Respect Life Spring campaign started. More walkers are needed to fill all available spots. The commission is looking for ways to get youth educated on abortion but are finding that they may need to educate the adults first. SJE helps with the Emmaus meals served on Saturdays at St. Luke's Church (Sheboygan) and BT joined them recently. Everyone had a good experience. A Mother's Day carnation and card will be handed out. Popcorn will be given for Father's Day. At Home Mission Week will be June 9 – 14 and adult helpers will be needed. The Human Concerns commission is a supporter of St. Vincent de Paul. The Pastoral Council asked Mary Jo to thank the commission for all of their hard work.

**Committee Reports**

\*\*\*Please read the submitted summaries before attending the meeting.

Questions/clarifications will be discussed at the meeting \*\*\*

**Old Business:**

- Nominations/Discernments for Youth and Adult PC Members – Scott Birenbaum  
The committee met and set up a timeline and assigned duties in order to get the nomination process going. A team will talk with the high school students about the Youth PC positions. Bulletin announcements, PowerPoint slides and witness statements will be shared with the parish in order to communicate the Adult PC positions. New PC members will be set by the end of May.
- Feedback on Mass time change suggestion  
Fr. Michael shared a document that detailed how the current schedule falls short and his proposed Mass times detailing how they would work better for the priest and parishioners. Fr. Michael will be hosting listening sessions after two Masses on March 22 and 23.

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- Joint Parish Picnic

A few volunteers were interested in helping with the event. More updates will be shared at the next meeting.

## New Business:

- Holy Week and Easter Mass Schedule

Sandy sent out the updated schedules to the PC members.

- Rectory Land reuse

The Rectory is in process of being demolished. At this time the area will be filled in with soil and grass seed will be planted. Discussions will be held for how the area will be used in the future.

- Lenten Parish Mission

On April 3, 4, and 5 our parishes will sponsor a Parish Mission. St. John's will host two days of events and Blessed Trinity will host one day. There will be opportunities to listen to speakers, pray, participate in adoration and confessions, and socialize. Specific details will be in this Sunday's bulletin.

- Steering/Long Range Planning Committee update

A group has been meeting for about six months. They have been focusing their discussions on the church interior and looking for ways to make improvements. They have made a few changes already, like adding lights to the Stations of the Cross in the back of church. They are also looking at the campus as a whole. They have been brainstorming ideas on how to use the current buildings. One idea that has materialized is the addition of a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) program. A preschool co-op group is looking to offer the program at Blessed Trinity in the classrooms in the school building. See this Sunday's bulletin for more information. Planning is underway to get it started in fall. Training for teachers and preparations for needed materials have started.

- Agenda items for next Joint PC meeting

A few topics that we would like to discuss are: Joint Parish Picnic, CGS, feedback on Mass times.

- Thoughts from Parishioners

- Projectors – There have been a few issues with the system. We will need to troubleshoot these issues until next IT system is in place.
- Large print copies of readings are now available. Ushers will be encouraged to offer them to parishioners so they know the copies are available.

## Administrator's Report – Fr. Michael

Nothing additional to add

## Closing Prayer – Fr. Michael

**Adjournment: 8:00 PM**

## Important Dates:

- April 13 – Palm Sunday
- April 20 – Easter
- April 24 – Joint Pastoral Council meeting - BT