

St. Anthony on the Lake
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 5/27/2026

Meeting Time: 6:00 pm

Meeting Location: Conference Room

Members Present - Fr. Tony Zimmer, Scott Krebs, Ellen Knippel, Jamie Von Rueden, Kate Spitz, Sandy Wysocki (remote), Colleen Wahlen, Craig Colopy, Patricia Ashley, Sheri Schmit
Members Absent – Sandy Wysocki, John Hooyman, Flo Prospero, Robin Hicks

Stewardship Report – Taylor Baar

- Renewal focus looking at different ways to reach church community
- Open house update – Reminder June 14th
 - Seak the lost and celebrate St Anthony on the Lake
 - If anyone knows of people to invite please do
 - Theme for next year – Year of Francis 800th anniversary of his death “Models of Holliness - Witness of Hope”
 - Tau Cross image
 - Witness talks from parishioners – Mic walks around during church. “Who has been a model of Holliness”
 - Highlight saints that connect to Models of Holliness”
 - Weekend after the Feast of all saints – Saints all heading towards the alter to the kingdom “Alter”
 - Commitment Sunday week after testimonials - have a card representing commitment and everyone lays cards at alter
- Meeting with all committees to collaborate on how Stewardship can support other committee initiatives
- Adding members of committee vs. losing members
- Focus on metrics to understand the impact of activities
- Note that reaching out to volunteers is important

Prayer and Reflection – Jamie Von Rueden

- Lord, help me to release the pressure to be constantly productive. Teach me how to rest and show me where You are inviting me to simply ‘be’ instead of ‘do’.
- When the urge to ‘do’ fades, what small, simple moments of peace is God actively inviting you to step into?

Pastor’s Report – Fr. Tony

- Collaboration

- 4/30 Bishop Scherman joint confirmation Queen of Apostles
- Continuing meetings with Fr. Greg Greiten
- Queen of Apostles completing renovation of worship space
- Archdiocesan News
 - Plans in the works to relocate Archdiocesan Center
 - St. James the Less & St. Theresa's joining Walworth County Deanery
 - Farewell to Fr. Jamid Blanco St. Joan of Arc & St. Catherine's – Welcome Fr. Ryan Ackman
 - Summer clergy cookout at St. Jerome's 7/11
 - Annual Spring Assembly took place 5/4-6
 - 12 Hours of Reconciliation hosted by St. Jerome's 3/25
 - 6 Men ordained to priesthood for Archdiocese of Milwaukee 5/16
 - Seminary renovations continue with hope of completion by October
 - Save date 4/17 2027 – Our own Michael Milam ordination to Deaconate
- Parish News
 - Signature event team planning next year's event
 - Holy week success and Thank You to Vince LaTona and entire team
 - 61 kids took place for First Holy Community
 - Administrative Assistants Appreciation Day celebrated with staff 4/22
 - Parish Play of The Wizard of OZ delightful
 - New Principal excited to announce Renee Gallagher starting 6/15
 - Annual school Spring Concert celebrated 250 years of America
- Upcoming Events
 - Thursday 5/28 sending forth class of 2026
 - Friday 5/29 last day of school & last school mass of the year
 - Honor and celebrate with deep gratitude Marty Van Hulle with his retirement
 - 5/30 celebrating Fr. Tony's 40th, Fr. Ken's 50th, and Fr. Joe's 60th Jubilees
 - Parish Open House 6/14 with over 300 invites to new neighbors
 - Summer projects
 - Replace carpeting two school classrooms
 - Upgrade and replacement of church sound system
 - Re-carpeting and painting Fellowship Hall, rooms F&G and bride's room
 - Bible Camp begins mid-June "Peace Train" All Aboard!

Pastoral Council Chair's Report – Scott Krebs

- Calendar dates for PC finalizes and will be sent out
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- PC hospitality 6/8 Common Leadership night – sign up will be sent out
- Reminder to be part of welcoming new people and volunteers

Pastoral Council Vice Chair's Report – Ellen Knippel

- Deanery asking that a Priest come to meetings (meeting twice a year) Priest council will take this on
- Looking at how to reach out to non-English parish communities and increase abilities for more people to worship
- Oct next meeting

Trustee's Report – Sheri Schmit

- Finance council approved budget week of 5/18
- Subcommittee of finance council liaisons work with Parish Leadership

Discernment of new Pastoral Council Members – facilitated by Debbie Klimko