

St. Anthony on the Lake

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 3/23/2026
Meeting Time: 6:00 pm
Meeting Location: Conference Room

PC Members in attendance: Fr. Tony Zimmer, Sandy Wysocki, Florence Prospero, Kate Spitz, Ellen Knippel, John Hooyman, Scott Krebs, Robin Hicks, Jamie Von Rueden, Patricia Ashley

Human Concerns Report Out– Kate Burke

- Continue to work with the 5 Partners In Mercy (Family Promise, Homeless Sanctuary, People’s Table, Santissimo Sacramento, St. Vincent de Paul)
 - St. Anthony’s continues to be connected, bonded and advocates for these partners
 - Every 2 years these Partners In Mercy are reviewed and discussed to make sure they remain an appropriate fit for the Parish
- Positive feedback regarding the Human Concerns email that gets sent
- In April, we will be hosting an evening **“Immigration: Closer to Home,”** with our Partner In Mercy, People’s Table, to listen, learn and have conversation to better understand our own neighbors in the Waukesha area who are facing real fears/struggles regarding immigration
- The annual Human Concerns budget has been at \$15,000 for many years. A proposal will be discussed and presented to Finance for an increase in the Human Concerns budget

Prayer and Reflection – Florence Prospero

- St. Joseph’s Day Prayer/Reflection – 3/19/2026
- St. Joseph was a silent leader who responded with trust, even when his path was unclear.
- What was a time you had to make a decision without knowing the outcome? What kind of legacy do you hope your service leaves behind? Where in my life right now am I being asked to trust God without having all the answers? When have I experienced a “Joseph moment,” being called to act quietly but courageously?

Pastor’s Report – Fr. Tony

- Signature Event update
 - Still tallying up the final numbers, but with a raise the paddle of over \$100,000 and a record setting sponsorship amount, this year will be most fruitful for St. Anthony’s

- Retirements
 - Interview teams are being established and timelines set for the succession planning of pastoral leaders
- Stewardship – working with new subdivisions in Lake Country area
 - Over 450 new homes being built in the area
 - Postcards being sent to all inviting them to the 9:00 mass on 6/14/2026, and then an open house to follow
- Fr. Tony greatly appreciated all the support and those who attended the Archbishop's Catholic Schools dinner where he was the featured speaker and received a prestigious award
- Current enrollment for 2026/2027 school year is 246 students with waiting lists in some of the grades
- The Leadership morning on Saturday 3/14/2026 went very well with approximately 15 people in attendance looking to get involved and learn more about that
- New security measures and features have been added to the building. We have applied for another security grant which if we receive will go to even more updates and additions

Pastoral Council Chair's Report – Scott Krebs

- Nomination updates – nominations for Pastoral Council and Standing Committees close the weekend of 4/19/2026
- Appreciation for support of leadership testimonials (Theresa B, Cari B, Kate S, Larry O' B.)
- Clarified and reviewed open positions for next year PC membership
- Continue to “shoulder tap” those you think can share their time, talent, and treasures for the good of St. Anthony on the Lake
- Updating minutes & photos to PC web page

Pastoral Council Vice Chair's Report – Ellen Knippel

- Next Deanery meeting is being hosted here at St. Anthony's in Mid April

Trustee's Report – John Hooyman

- The total net income this year is well ahead of where we were last year at this same time
- We typically have 4 very strong months throughout the fiscal year in terms of income – July/August, Christmas, Signature Event, Easter. The remaining 8 months out of the fiscal year tend to be lower income generating months

Closing Prayer – Florence Prospero