



St. Gabriel the Archangel

FAMILY OF PARISHES

July 22, 2026

St. Gabriel Pastoral Council Leadership Report

To begin, just a note: matters discussed in Pastoral Council Meetings are part of the public record, you are free to share. The only exception to that would be if we convene executive session in particular cases, that would be kept confidential and would be expressed as so.

Additionally, pushback and questions for clarification are always welcome. With the staff, we can get used to how we discuss different things and can skip over details that we have already gone over many times. If we hit on something that is not clear to you, please stop and ask questions. They are needed and very welcome.

Staffing

As you know, we have welcomed Fr. David Tran to the parishes over the last few weeks. He has settled in and is hitting all the Sunday Masses this month, with welcome receptions after each of those Masses. So far, he has settled in well. All five of us live together in the rectory at St. Peter. So far, we are making it work.

Additionally, Fr. Chibueze is now part-time, 20 hours a week, at Miami Valley Hospital. The Office of Pastoral Care of the Archdiocese is covering a portion of his salary, as so.

We thought we had a full-time musician for St. Peter, but unfortunately our offer was not accepted. We continue to look at various ways to provide music ministry at St. Peter and continue to look for a third full-time musician. Any thoughts and advice are greatly appreciated!

We have an offer for an ECC Director that was accepted. Ms. Helene Gross will be joining us from a pre-school program in Vandalia. There are a number of projects in the works that we will need her help on: getting the SP ECC up and running smoothly after a number of transitions last year. Plus, we were approached about helping to establish an early child care program at Sacred Heart in New Carlisle.

We are approaching full staff levels for all three parish grade schools. Tracy Harnish was working hard all summer to get new teachers on board and ready to go. I'm looking forward to getting to know all the new teachers here shortly.

Finally in the staffing realm, Sam Ritze will be taking over the governance of the Communications Department, working with Laura Joliet

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Ministry Developments

Over the summer months, Elena Pope and Jeanne Fairbanks have done amazing work with the youth ministry programming. There will be an additional report shared with you regarding all the good work they have done.

OCIA continues to grow and thrive. We are approaching 60 in the process of becoming Catholic, in several different cohorts work together.

I have now moved my office full-time to St. Christopher, with Fr. Tran taking my office at St. Peter. This will allow him to learn more of the administrative and business side of parish operations, while I can then be a bit more attentive to the pastoral services side of things.

Business Developments

Norm, Cameron, Kelly Collier and team are working on the end of year report and will have more developments during our meeting.

Strategic Plan

Cameron and I are working on developing the Strategic Plan for our Family of Parishes. We have an initial draft and are working on filling in the details. More to be shared when ready.

Pastoral Council Commissions and Committees

Sam has been working with Nancy C. to work on the councils, commissions and committees with Pastoral Council, and will have more to share with you during our meeting Wednesday.

Capital Projects

Cameron, Norm and I are also developing a list of upcoming projects for the next few years, with estimated costs with each project. I will share that spreadsheet at our meeting. These are just estimates at this point, but give us a sense of what we need to fundraise to cover all of these projects.

As always, we have many, many things happening all summer. Your support and encouragement is greatly appreciated.

Gratefully submitted,

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