

Tri-Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2025

6:30-8:00PM

St. Joseph Parish Center

Minutes recorded by Mackenzie Hewitt

Attendance: Fr. Jim (P), Fr. Ryan (P), Sr. Janeth (P), Magali Barajas (P)

Trustees: Mary Henningfield (NP), Don Siehoff (NP), Barb Bakshis (NP), Terri Newbury (P), Bob O'Neill (NP), John Gabaldo (NP)

Pastoral Council Members: Maddy Miller (P), Mackenzie Hewitt (P), Megan Cash (NP), Julie Mermal (P), Michelle Pederson (P), Janna Tichenor (P), Joe Dedick (P), Holly Reesman (P), Laura Freeburn (P)

Guests: None

Maddy Miller opened the meeting, prayer read by all, followed by spontaneous prayer by all.

Mission Statement read by all.

June minutes: Approved with no edits

Standing Committee Reports:

(Reminder to Liaisons to inform their committee secretaries to send the approved meeting minutes to each parish so they can post them on their websites.)

Liaisons need to report only significant information that needs feedback from the Council.

***Send your minutes to Secretary (Mackenzie) so they can be sent out and viewed by PC members prior to our meeting

Worship/Liturgy liaison Michelle Pederson:

- No update, meets next week

Human Concerns liaison Holly Reesman:

- No update, meets in October

Evangelization and Formation Liaison Megan Cash:

- Eight people signed up for OCIA/need two to help. Two-Catechumen.
- Vacation Bible Camp: 54 children, 22 youth (7th grade through highschool)
- Love begins Here: Eight children participated, they went to Union Grove to weed
- Registration has begun for CCD.
- Sr. Janeth- FunNight with the teens 13-18 on the 29th of August

- Adoration: Sept.16 for teachers and students, 21st- blessing for CCD candidates.
 - October 5th Thursday family friendly, 7-8pm
 - November? 630 to 730
 - December- Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Small Groups: Thinking about starting up again, considering after morning Mass on Wednesday in the card room at St. Joseph
- Bible series: 17 people attended at St. Joseph. Aug. 6-Aug. 27th
- Discussed the Apps. Formed is number 1
- Tri-parish WALK WITH ONE: Pope Leo's birthday the 14th of September. 9am mass at St. Joes on the 13th with cake and social gathering to follow. 15 minute series to follow
- Small groups: Wednesday at 6:30 at St. Charles, Friday at 9 at St. Charles, St. Mary at 9:30 (at St. Sebastian)

Stewardship/Parish Life liaison Julie Mermal:

- **Retreat:** happening this weekend. Arrival is at 6:15. Post-retreat follow-up on Sanctification, will be discussed at retreat. What to think about before attending: centered on our vocations/roles within the parish: think about our personal gift and how it can be applied towards our role in the Tri-parish.
- Called and Gifted workshop: about using the gifts you've been given by God
- Feedback about Fall Festival: Julie has gotten a request for pastoral council members to attend and participate, it shows we are a united Tri-Parish community

Burlington Catholic School Board of Directors liaison Maddy Miller:

- 426-428 enrollment for the school year. Budgeted for 430.
- St. Thomas pre-school program closed in Waterford. BCS received about 8 students for 3k and 1-2 for 4k.
- Received approval for 8 special needs scholarships for the school year. Budgeted for 13 so will be requesting the others that were rejected.
- Traditional Grading standards (A,B,C,D) will be rolling out this year in addition to the number grades. Will have a minimum grade needed for sports participation.
- Looking at the IEM contract (school cleaning) due to lack of effort and participation over the summer.
- Oct 30th - Color Run, trunk or treat and Halloween parties all taking place during the day for all grades.
- Adding cheer squad to activities. Few events and cheer camp for this school year.
- 4th grade volleyball playing up due to lack of teams in the conference.
- Received 25k Love One Another grant and money used for new textbooks. Sent out a letter in the bulletin this summer letting parishioners know what they have used/received from Love One Another grant money.
- Blue Jean Ball at The Landing April 18th.
- Collaboration with Catholic Central has been going well and will continue to have monthly meetings for collaboration.

Finance:

St. Charles liaison Laura Freeburn:

- Discussed finding the right online donation platform, have already been using GiveSmart for some events
- B&G: insurance inspector came and said there is a fire hazard with the fire escapes, may need to change which grade level is upstairs in the classrooms above church. Children younger than 2nd grade should not be on an upper floor. Fire escapes are not designed for children. Maybe could use Burlington Community Fund to make them safer?
- BCS: strategizing how to have an adequate cash flow during the summer, Jenny preparing for upcoming audit, two board seats will be open
- Budget: questions whether budget was going to be approved by Archdiocese due to a payment deadline being missed, donations at \$42,000 in May

St. Joseph liaison Janna Tichenor:

- B&G: landscaping in process
- Budget: has been submitted, were in the green for the year

St. Mary liaison Joe Dedick:

- Scheduling of the renovation work: about a week and a half behind, projected finish date at the end of December, Arch Bishop will be here in January
- Budget numbers are good to go, nice donation of \$120,000 for the bathrooms
- Mosaic Tiles in the sanctuary: no decision yet on what will be done with them, but they will be saved

Hispanic Committee Report- Magali:

- Working on getting stuff for the Fall Festival
- Working on planning Lady of Guadalupe
- Fun night for the teens is next week, expecting 10-15 teenagers to attend
- Finished the workshop, now time to use the information that was given, got books in Spanish, but can also get books in English. The books talk about how to work with teens and help them be leaders in the church. Will give a report in a year to see how they are doing and implementing the things they learned in the workshop. If we are interested in ordering books, we have a contact person. There is also a workbook for parents to participate in and attend once a month

Deanery Report (Michelle Pederson/Holly Reesman)

- No update, it was approved for the deanery to meet again

Catholic Community Events: (including Hispanic Community events)

-September 27th-28th: St. Charles Fall Festival, volunteer if you can

-December 12th: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Pastors' Comments -Fr. Jim:

- School starts tomorrow, new principal at CC, 426 students
- Grateful for everyone's patience with the renovations and being flexible with mass in Heim Hall
- Fr. Joseph will be here on the 31st, will be celebrating Mass at 10:30 (Heim Hall), reception following to honor Fr. Joseph
- Deacon Anton is officially back with the Tri-Parish community
- The Arch Bishop will be rededicating the parish on January 24th

Old Business:

- **Parish Directory Update:**
 - Everyone should have gotten their copy, about 10 books at St. Mary to be picked up
 - There are some for sale at each parish office

New Business:

- **Event Requests**
 - St. Mary Fall Fundraiser: Friday, October 24, 2025- APPROVED
 - Want to add another event this year for budget purposes. There will be sweepstakes, sponsorships, possibly having a fish fry, some baskets for a small auction, 2026 will officially be just the October date
 - A parishioner suggested a 50/50 raffle to make some money during the renovation project
 - St. Charles Spaghetti Dinner: Saturday, March 7, 2026 -APPROVED
 - Janna will reach out about Soup-er Bowl and Casino Night, possibly thinking of end of January

Voice of the People: (opportunity for parish member input)

- None

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 16th, 2025 St. Joseph Parish Center

Need volunteer for Closing Prayer: Julie Mermal

Closing Prayer: Laura Freeburn

Meeting Adjourned: Maddy Miller