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Holy Trinity – January 8th, 2026

A) **Call to Order:** Brent Fassbender

Opening Prayer: Fr. Magnor

Attendance: Fr. Magnor, Brent Fassbender, Reiny Follmann, Rhiannon Olson, Josh Alexander, Jared Dembrun, Dennis Westerman, Laura Stautz, Sandy Passineau, Tina Thull

Excused: Jan Lauenstein, Kevin Hein, Joe Rinzel

B) **Commission Updates**

• **Worship – Jared (HT), Reiny (SM)**

- Christmas decorations will come down after 11:00 AM.
- Narthex space is being cleaned and improved to make it look nicer.
- Addressing talking in the Church after Mass
 - Some people want to stay and pray.
- Encourage parishioners to join Adoration.
- Statue being restored will be finished in January.
- St. Michael: Looking at adding a saint statue to the back of the church.

• **Formation**

- January 26 – Talk
- March 8, 9, 10 – Parish Mission (Ignatius Spirituality)
- April 13 – Theology of the Body
- Continue with emails to recent Confirmation students.

• **Human Concerns**

- Wrap up – Giving Tree
- Talking about Food Pantry at the back of church.
 - Not seeing a lot of use

• **Parish Life**

- Installation Mass being planned.
- Volunteer Appreciation Event planning for Tuesday April 14th

• **School**

- Flower Sale very successful (~\$5,500)
- Prepping for Open House – January 25:
 - Chili Cook-Off
 - Working on print / social media.

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- **HT Finance**
 - Repairs approved.
 - Increase Offertory Program successful.
 - **SM Finance**
 - Adding security cameras
 - Talked about renovations
 - **Building & Grounds – HT**
 - New facilities approved
 - Book holders for the pews.
 - Duct Cleaning happening in the summer.
- C) **Pastor Report**
- Wonderful Christmas.
 - Thankful for volunteers.
 - HT – Building Security:
 - Re-keyed school and church.
 - Committed to security.
 - Discussed with Vrana Lock about securing storage areas in parish and school
 - Spaces not needed for public access are locked.
 - Choir loft will be locked during the week.
 - Different access codes for cleaning closet, usher's closet, and storage areas
 - School is using fobs.
 - Church is open from ~5:30 AM to when Father goes to bed.
 - Renovations at St. Michael's:
 - ~60 volunteers to clean out the church.
 - 3 hours to get everything removed.
 - \$3K savings in moving costs.
 - All Masses celebrated at Holy Trinity until completion.
 - All Faith Formation moved to HT
 - February 8 – Installed as Pastor
 - Pastoral Council is addressed by Bishop
 - Jenni to send out email confirming attendance.
 - 9:15 AM Mass.
 - 6-year term limit starts.

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D) New Business

- **Journey Program:**
 - Need more volunteers.
 - Mostly led by St. Francis Cabrini.
 - Contact: Journeycatholicministry.org

- **Liturgical Ministers:**
 - Need more help in all positions.
 - Adding a sign-up (usher, cantor, lector).

- **Parish Vision Casting:**
 - Includes doing research and bringing that back.
 - Father is talking with experienced priest about ideas.
 - Finding out what the needs are of the community.
 - Bringing someone in to lead.

E) Next Meeting

- March 5th – Holy Trinity @ 5:30.

F) Dismissal & Closing Prayer – Fr. Magnor

- Meeting Adjourned by Brent