

Suburban Southwest (SSW) Assembly Meeting
St. Albert the Great
July 31, 2026



The Assembly Meeting began with the Celebration of the Eucharist by Fr. Kyle Roser and Fr. Tim Gareau. What a powerful and beautiful way to start our gathering with many of our Deanery priests participating.



More than 80 individuals, including clergy and staff of our SSW Deanery parishes, registered to attend the day's events. The attendees were seated at lunch by their collaboration areas, which provided them an excellent opportunity to talk and meet their peers at other parishes.

Fr. Tim Gareau started the meeting with a prayer for the success in the development of our Pastoral Plan and the work being done to collaborate with each other as outlined in Bishop Malesic's pastoral letter. Our focus is Worship, Evangelization and Service. He also shared that the Deanery will once again be offering the Week of Reconciliation (February 21-25, 2027), in conjunction with the diocese evening of Confession.

Witness on Collaboration

Andrea Wasinski, Parish Catechetical at St. Basil the Great provided a witness on the importance of collaboration. She shared her experience with Vacation Bible School (VBS) and the cost involved in hosting one. They found ways to reduce costs by sharing decorations, banners and other items needed between neighboring parishes. Once the VBS is over, they send it to another parish for their use.

Veranova Health

Jessica Davidson, a representative of Veranova Health, was invited to speak. Their clinic, located in Middelburg Heights, is within our deanery boundaries. They provide evidence-based, compassionate medical care to women and families. Their focus is on respecting the dignity of all human life, with the understanding that the body is a gift from God. They serve over 3,000 patients. She covered topics such as natural family planning.

Additional information can be found on their website:

[Veranova Health | Family Medicine ObGyn Middleburg Heights, OH](#)

Theology of the Body (TOB)

Jen Settle, a representative of TOB, a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to help individuals understand how biology and theology go together, gave a presentation to the Assembly. Their organization can provide instruction to students to help them discover the beauty of God's plan for their lives. They are also available to offer multi-week interactive studies of books from top Catholic authors to engage parishioners on topics crucial to faith and life. More information can be found on their website:

[Theology of the Body Cleveland | Home](#)

Updates from November Assembly Meeting

Tommy Dome, St. Basil the Great, provided updates on the surveys that were distributed at the last Assembly Meeting in November. Each parish was provided a folder with a customized report of collaboration opportunities derived from that survey. It is a great tool for determining how you can help others, and others can help you.

Mobil App

Fr. Michael Garvin, St. Charles Borromeo, showcased the mobile App he created. The App provides information on what other parishes are doing. He developed software that reads the data from the bulletin and can summarize Mass, Confessions and activities at each parish. He is hoping to get the Diocese on board to get it in the App Store. It would be an **AMAZING** asset to have at your fingertips!

Collaboration

Roza Hering, Deanery Chair, talked about collaboration. The remaining time of the meeting was used for each group to talk amongst themselves. We hope that the collaboration continues well past this meeting. Contact information for the group members was provided.

Following these discussions, the meeting was adjourned.