



CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

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Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2026 – 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Parish Hall

Call to Order: Marthann Schulte

Opening Prayer

Roll Call / Attendees:

Marthann Schulte, Darlene Pumper, Mike Wallin, Christina Nelsen, Deb Becker, Joe Pumper, Steve Zastara, and Jennifer Malecha (Office Coordinator).

Not Present: Fr. Scott Carl, Father Justus

Reading and Approval of Minutes

- The minutes for **March 2026** were previously approved via email and distributed to all council members. No additional changes were noted.

Reports

Father Justus

- He was not present, but our office coordinator shared his gratitude for everyone who volunteered and supported the Holy Triduum for our Easter celebration, and for the beautiful services we were blessed to share together.

Parish Office Coordinator

- A priest is needed for this coming Sunday, April 12, due to Father Justus being unavailable.
- Positive feedback for our Easter Triduum from non-parishioners was also received.

Trustees

- No Report

Other Committees / Ministries

- Mens Club Breakfast, April 11 9am at Dawns Corner Bar
- We were honored to host ten priests at the Priest Luncheon on March 18.
- **Clergy Appreciation Dinner**, May 27th at Holy Cross. \$20 per person. Contact Jennifer if interested.
- **Southwest Deanery Council of Catholic Women**, April 18 at 12:30 at St. Anne's Church in LeSueur.

- **Spring Clean-Up – April 25 | Church & Cemetery**
- **Faith Formation**
 - On **April 12**, Faith Formation Breakfast
 - On **April 18**, Confirmation will be celebrated at Divine Mercy at 10am.
 - On **April 19**, Donuts with Confirmation students
 - On **April 26**, Faith Formation will conclude for the year.
 - On **May 3**, First Communion will be celebrated at Annunciation with Donut Sunday following mass.
 - On **May 17**, Graduation Sunday

Unfinished Business

- **Lord, Renew Your Church** – We have reached 162% of our goal! As we wrap up our campaign, we are grateful for this incredible support and will continue building on this momentum for our growth. These funds will help support our maintenance needs and special projects.
- **Safety - Defibrillator (AED):** We are grateful to have received an AED for our church. It will require new pads and a storage cabinet. We are currently working with the Finance Council to review available funds and determine how many parishioners we may be able to train. The cost of training is \$60 per person.
- **Post Cards** – Marthann will follow up with Cathy regarding two additional mock-ups, for a total of six, to create card sets that will be available for sale at the festival.
- **Parish Directory:** Our Parish Directory Project will take place on May 5 & 6. About 40 families have already signed up, and we would love to have as many parishioners participate as possible. This directory is a special way to celebrate our parish family, help us stay connected, and create a lasting keepsake of our church community. We encourage everyone to take part and be included.

Festival Updates:

- **Parish Festival – June 27 & 28**
 - January 25th meeting recap on music – We reviewed the comparison of music options. The Underdogs are available for Saturday night, while Concrete Cowboy and Charlie Sticha are planned for the Sunday festival.
 - April 19 is the next planning meeting - Please join us to share your input and ideas as we continue preparations.

New Business

- **Cemetery Association Leadership** - The existing committee will arrange a meeting to discuss additional leadership. We will review finances, explore options for endowment, and consider the Catholic organization that can assist with managing funds and ensuring long-term maintenance.
- **Fr. Justus's 25th Jubilee (April 29)** - Watch for details on how to sign up for our celebration! Mass will begin at 6pm and then dinner. The dinner menu will be wonderful, and we'll need your RSVP soon so we can plan accordingly. Join us for a free meal and a joyous celebration with our parish family—we look forward to seeing you there!
- **Easter Triduum** - Additional positive feedback on the beautiful services for Holy Week and our Easter services. Discussed liturgical practice to occur Saturday morning to have more practice and walk through for giving time between for managing the time. Again, overall a beautiful Triduum.

Announcements

- Parish Festival Planning meetings: April 19 after 10am mass and June 9 at 6:30
- Fr. Justus's 25th Jubilee: April 29 – mass at 6pm
- Next Meeting:
 - May 19 at 6:30 PM
 - June 9 the parish council will join for the Festival Planning meeting

Closing Prayer

Adjournment: Motion made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted by: Christina Nelsen, PPC Secretary, 4/7/2026