



CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

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Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting Minutes

May 19, 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, Jennifer Malecha (Office Coordinator) and parishioners.

Not Present: Fr. Scott Carl, Father Justus

Reading and Approval of Minutes

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

Reports

Father Justus

- Not present. Jennifer reported that Father has returned from Rome and will be back for daily mass and the weekend of May 30 and 31st.

Parish Office Coordinator

- A new furnace has been installed, and the previous furnace was also repaired. For any questions regarding the furnace repairs or replacement details, please contact Jennifer, Office Coordinator.
- Working with Father Justus to determine appropriate options for parishioners who may have old or blessed religious items and relics that are no longer usable. Additional information regarding a respectful ceremony and burial process will be shared with the parish in the coming weeks.

Trustees

- No Report

Other Committees / Ministries

- **Clergy Appreciation Dinner**, May 27th at Holy Cross. \$20 per person. Contact Jennifer if interested.

Unfinished Business

- **Lord, Renew Your Church** – We have reached 195% of our goal — WOW! Our parish may be small, but it is truly mighty. This achievement is a wonderful reflection of the strength, generosity, and faith of our parish community and all that we have overcome together.
- **Safety - Defibrillator (AED):** Work is underway to identify and organize volunteers for upcoming training. Anyone interested in participating is encouraged to contact Jennifer. The cost of training is \$60 per person. New pads have also been ordered and, although currently backordered, are expected to arrive soon.

- **Greeting Cards** – A variety of blank and sympathy cards featuring images of the church’s stained glass windows will be available for purchase at the festival.
- **Parish Directory:** The Parish Directory Project was a success, with approximately 57 families participating, along with several others submitting their own photos. We will allow an additional two weeks for any final additions or updates before the directory is closed for production. We anticipate the completed directory will be available for distribution this fall.
- **Faith Formation:** Breakfast was a wonderful success. Thank you to all of the families, volunteers, and parishioners who participated and helped make the event so enjoyable. It was a great opportunity for fellowship, faith, and community, and we appreciate everyone who contributed their time and support.
- **Parish Festival – June 27 & 28**
 - Signage and advertising efforts for the festival were discussed. Jennifer is researching the electronic sign in Lonsdale to increase visibility along Highway 19.
 - Road signs are currently being prepared, and postcards will be mailed to three surrounding delivery routes. Mailings are planned for three weeks prior to the festival and again one week before the event.
 - Festival flyers are being finalized and will be distributed to neighboring parishes.
 - A QR code for festival volunteer sign-up is now available for parishioners interested in helping with the event.
 - Exciting update for the raffle! The top ticket seller will be awarded a prize of four steaks, and the second-highest seller will receive two steaks. This is a great opportunity to encourage participation and add a little friendly competition to support the event.

New Business

- **Cemetery Association Leadership** - The committee now consists of six members: John Becker serves as President, Larry Rezac as Vice President, Anne Varley as Secretary, and MaryAnn Malecha as Treasurer. Steve Malecha and Tom Malecha serve as advisors. The committee is currently reviewing financial matters, exploring endowment opportunities, and considering Catholic organizations that may assist in managing funds and supporting long-term maintenance needs.
- **New Gather Hymnals** – Exciting news—Marthann submitted a grant application, and the parish was awarded \$2,500 to purchase 100 new hymnals! These hymnals include the full Years A, B, and C readings, resulting in an additional savings of approximately \$300 per year for the parish. The remaining request of \$684.50 for the additional music editions was reviewed and approved by the Trustees. In even more wonderful news, donations have also been received to help cover the cost of embossing the hymnals with our church name, adding a beautiful and lasting touch that will make these books uniquely ours.
- **Bible, BBQ and Bonfire** – An adult or youth event has been added to the agenda and will be discussed and planned following the Parish Festival. Additional details will be shared as planning progresses, so please watch for updates.

Announcements

- Parish Festival Planning meetings: June 9 at 6:30
- Next Meeting:
 - June 9 the parish council will join for the Festival Planning meeting
 - July TBD for date

Closing Prayer

Adjournment: Motion made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted by: Christina Nelsen, PPC Secretary, 5/19/2026