

**St. Joseph the Worker
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
January 26th, 2026**

Attendance: Fr. Joe Molloy, Steve Foster, Debbie Shawgo, Pat Kornfeld, Liz Reef, Rachel Green, & Grace Ann Thomas

Excused: Jacob Siebert, Sean Fink, Autumn Kattoor

- **Opening prayer-** Pat Kornfeld

- **Review and approve November 2025 meeting minutes**
 - A motion was made to approve minutes- Rachel Green
 - Second by Debbie Shawgo
 - All council members agreed to approve.

- **Fr Joe Updates:**
 - New logo utilization
 - Letter head created using new logo
 - Will also be featured on the bulletins (starting 1/31 & 2/1 weekend)
 - Sincere thanks to all that submitted designs!
 - Honoring our Past-Building our Future Campaign project updates-
 - Completed
 - Preschool bathrooms
 - Carpet in the hallways
 - Kollross Hall
 - Kitchen
 - Flooring has arrived & will be installed this week
 - Once installed all kitchen items will be moved back into their places
 - Bruce Thompson to contact (funeral lunch) volunteers to clean out cabinets
 - Opportunity to throw out any items we do not use
 - New stove ordered
 - Project is coming together!
 - Next projects
 - New floor and painting O'Hara Hall
 - Church lighting project
 - New computers to sync music
 - Building storage shed outside
 - Increased security cameras after all projects are completed
 - 80% of money for the capital campaign collected- great news!
 - Reminders will be sent in the spring to finish up

- Personnel Updates
 - Sue retired from office position
 - Maddie Knowles has accepted and started the job
 - She is doing a wonderful job (educated, quick learner)
 - She and her spouse have plans to join the Catholic church via OCIA
 - Youth director search begins
 - Will be listed in our bulletin & in other parish bulletins this weekend
 - Fr Joe to meet with our Youth at 11:45 for pizza and discussions
 - What ideas do they have?
 - Where do they want to go?
 - Catholic Work Heart Camp
 - Meeting the following Sunday
 - NCYC
 - Discuss donation opportunities
 - Trivia night
 - Private donations
 - Raise money for next year too
 - Great for kids to work to raise the funds for these events
 - Feedback regarding Share the Word age modifications discussed (Kindergarten-4th)
 - This was not a decision made by the Parish Council. The change was based on recommendations received from volunteers leading Share the Word that the 2-3 year-old toddlers were too young to understand the purpose of Share the Word.
 - Fr Joe is open to discussing this with any family members with questions/concerns.
 - Balance of families and reverence at Mass
 - Concerns were discussed about the interrupted prayer in Mass when children are crying loudly/screaming and parents choose not to utilize the Cry Room during mass.
- **New Business –**

Mission with Joe Farris & Lee Roessler March 1st & 2nd

- Mission Announcement
 - Announced & advertised in the Catholic Times
 - Send email to Maddie Knowles for Social Media & Bulletin Announcements
 - Bulletin announcements
 - Announcements for other parish bulletins
 - News You Can Use
 - Parish Social Media Accounts
 - Chatham Clarion Advertisement
- Transportation

- Joe flies into Bloomington IL Saturday 2/28 at 2:30
 - Volunteer to pick him up & drive him to Mass at SJW at 4:30 needed
 - Meals for/with Joe
 - Dinner after Mass at Bella Milano
 - Parish Council members & spouses welcome to join
 - Lunch Sunday after 10:30 Mass at Chatham Café- Parish Council members welcome to join
 - Head count needed for either meal for planning purposes
 - Monday 3/2- lunch with Fr Joe (Joe & Lee)
 - Pre-mission social hour
 - 5:00 to meet Joe/Lee
 - Coffee- Liz
 - Cookies and snacks – Pat & Debbie
 - Contact social coordinator to assist – Patty
 - Plates, napkins- see what we already have
 - Do they need an introduction?
 - Liz to ask Joe
 - If yes, include quote from Bishop Kemme suggested
 - Sunday Faith Formation assist for Jr High age kids by Joe/Lee (*talk to Janice)
 - Mini-mission during Faith Formation?
 - Post Mission Survey
 - Joe had asked “How will we be able to quantify success of mission?”
 - Survey questions compiled by Pat & AI 😊
 - List of questions reviewed and list reduced to one page of questions through discussion
 - Need for QR code discussed (Liz to create)
 - Paper option will also be provided
 - Liz to email post mission survey for Joe to review and give advice
 - Volunteer to drive Joe back to Bloomington to the Airport on Tuesday morning needed (11:00 AM flight)
 - Parishioner possibilities discussed and plan to ask/recruit made
 - John Kennedy
 - Will advertise the Mission on the board before Masses starting 2/7
 - Pat discussed mic needs for Lee
 - Intentional prayers for mission (included on intentions) starting mid-February
- **Old Business**
 - Parish sign status-
 - New mock up- black with white & yellow
 - All approve and like this new design
 - Pat to inform Phil from Ace Sign Co., get pricing and inquire about schedule for installation
 - Involve Julie? Ask Jennifer to assist?

- Phil will likely be able to answer all logistical questions and prep work (i.e, Julie, city of Chatham, permit needs, etc)
- Evangelization
 - March Mission for our Parish and announced to community and other Catholic parishes
 - Plans to host an open house when all renovations from the campaign are completed
 - Leaning towards Spring time open house when weather is warmer
 - Favorite things about our parish?
 - Why do we keep coming back?
 - What can we do better?

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 @ 5:30PM

Opening Prayer: Grace Ann Thomas