



# ST. ALBERT THE GREAT PARISH

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## Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Jan 15, 2026, 5:30PM

- Opening Prayer - Fr. David Micheal, HGN (Minute Notes are in Bold text)
- Minutes for the Nov 20th meeting - Approval
- Pastor's Report – Fr. David Micheal, HGN
  - Synod on Synodality Questions from the Diocese – The Questions 3&4 on “The Heart of Synodality” section
    - How do we unite the unity of mission and the diversity of charisms, vocations, and ministries? - **Community is separated by different mass times, parish used to do nametag days for mass for people to get to know each other**
    - What misperceptions of the faith or false presumptions about mission of the Church can cause people to exempt themselves from participating in that mission? **Perceived lack of need, lack of worthiness & and being a sinner**
  - Next Pizza with Padre- Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30PM
  - Priest Study Week- Jan19-22
    - No daily mass 20-22, no Adoration/Confessions on 21st
  - Diocesan Adult Only Confirmation Jan 24<sup>th</sup>, 6pm @ Immaculate Conception
    - 14 candidates will be confirmed (Diocesan wide- Adult only confirmation) on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Immaculate Conception
  - Feb 18 Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule  
-7:00am, 12:10PM, 6PM, 7:15PM (Spanish)
  - Rosary before Masses – On going.
  - March 14<sup>th</sup>, St Patrick's Day Fundraising Dinner for Parish Bathroom at 5pm after the 4pm mass.
  - **Parish Mission: Father Tony Vercellone, Feb 28-March 4**
  - Bathroom Fundraising Discussion – **bring ideas for next month's meeting.**
- Administrator's Report – Melissa Azul
  - 2025 CSA campaign completed – \$117,205 to date. The goal for the 2026 CSA campaign is \$91,286 starting February 9, 2026
  - Grant Projects update – no update
  - General Operations update – Entrance fees for Christmas Around the World will be shared with some ministries (amount varies on participation from the ministries).
- Security Ministry – Jeff Lofy (not present)

- Security Meeting Update – Pat Pusich went over details in his meeting
- Finance Council - General financial updates. Jim Crandal, Bill O’Donnell
  - Update –
- School – Principal Dr. Susan Kehoe – events schedule
  - Part time bookkeeper hired
  - Received approved from the corporate board to move forward with the Audio Enhancement upgrades
  - Catholic School Week Jan 26-30th
  - St. Blaise-Blessing of the Throats—February 4 after Mass

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### Ministry Updates

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- PTO – Danielle Pourchot (could not attend-dental)-sent update to Michael and Susan added some details.
  - Elections for PTO Board
  - Catholic Schools Week 1/25 thru 1/31
    - Event Schedule Coming Soon
    - Talent Show
  - PTO Meeting Tuesday, Jan 20<sup>th</sup>
- Walking with Moms in Need (USCCB, new ministry)- Sandra Ford-
  - Introduction- **talked about mission. Core team is 5 members. There are 2 parishes doing this, other is Immaculate Conception. Besides material support and efforts (child seat, gift cards, meals, transportation (uber gift cards), in process of discerning the work of the ministry**
    - **Melissa said Parish has a budget item for the ministry, Knights of Columbus will donate ~\$500 as well.**
- St. Al’s Gals – Carla Mischel
  - January – Held our planning meeting through August. Picked saints for the year with an emphasis on vocations.
  - February – Movie Night on Biblical History
  - March – Lenten Prayer
  - Looking into hosting another “Wine in the Bible” event with a special speaker. We held this event in 2022, and it was very informative and fun! More details to come.
  - Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month from 6:30-8pm in the Gathering Room.
  - **Website** – Need all of your announcements. The website is looking empty. Please send info to [clmischel@gmail.com](mailto:clmischel@gmail.com). If you need me to design the ads, I can do that.
- XII Scouting – Russ Fromherz
  - Tracy Wadleigh, one of our parishioners, is our new Venture Crew adviser. This is a High Adventure for high school youth. They want to make backpacking as the center of the program. Tracy is attempting to be part of the Parish Youth group with Mike Kelly.

- The Boy's Troop and Girl's Troop are combining to form a Co-Ed Family Troop starting in February.
  - Scout Sunday is February 8th
  - Fish Fry is Friday March 20. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Scouts and KofC are hoping the St Albert's School will perform a live Station of the Cross. It would be a great way for school and parish to be a family.
  - Religious Emblem class has started. Open all ages, Scouts and Non-Scouts.
  - **Eagle Projects- rector backyard fence**
- Knights of Columbus – Dave Patula and Edward Strickland
    - Walk for Life Jan 24<sup>th</sup>
    - Breakfast after Rite of Entrance for OCIA Sunday Jan 18<sup>th</sup>
    - Feb. 8 Breakfast after 8am and 10am Masses
    - Recruitment Drive at end of Weekend Masses Jan 31-Feb 1
    - Stations of the Cross at 6pm Fridays during Lent
    - **Blood drive on Marth 8<sup>th</sup>- cumulative blood donations have saved 41 patients**
- Parish Life & CDC – Kristin Mareno / Zara Rolle
    - **St. Patrick's Day Dinner**
    - **Baccalaureate Mass on Jun 6, reception to follow**
- OCIA – Karen McClenahan
    - Rite of Entrance Jan 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday 10am Mass
- Youth Ministry/ Religious Education - Melissa Johnston – Mike Kelly
    - Update
- Young Adults – Mike Kelly / Melissa Johnston
    - Bible study Thursday's 6:30pm
- Homebound Ministry- John deDiego
    - Still seeking new Eucharistic Ministers
    - Plan on doing ministry outreach at a future 8am Sunday Mass with one of the ministry recipients giving personal testimony after mass,
- Ministries that Support Life – [respectlifeministry@stalbertreno.org](mailto:respectlifeministry@stalbertreno.org)
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Rosary at Planned Parenthood facility on 8025 S. Virginia
    - Walk for Life Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 6am-9pm
- Bereavement – Ruth Longcore
    - Monthly meetings- Thursday, Feb 12th at 4pm in Gathering Room, next meeting is Tuesday, Oct 9 at 4pm Gathering Room

- Latino – Martha Sandoval/Letty Corral
  - Bible Classes – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 6pm.
  - Mass attendance has increased every Saturday.
  - Mass for Christmas Eve has good attendance, but new year we were full.
  - Our Lady of Guadalupe recap 400 people at mass at 6pm very successful event.
  - Some of us are going to San Francisco Walk for Life 1/24
  - Baptism class every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 11:00am
  - Will start a prayer workshop every Wednesday starting 1/21
  - We attended the Conference of the Diocese.
  
- Legion of Mary – Teresa Sinocruz
  - New Leadership: Teresa Sinocruz elected new President- taking over from Linda Quandt
  - First Saturday Mass and Devotions Feb. 7 – Scriptural rosary at 8am; Mass at 9am; Hospitality after Mass. Attendance and participation after Mass are on the rise.
  - 4 Fatima Home Visits are held every month to teach and encourage families to pray the rosary every day. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex.
  - Our active membership is up to 12- 15 members.
  - Upcoming events:
    - March 31 – Holy Week Retreat
    - March 27 - Visita Iglesia to 14 churches
    - May 2 & May 3 – offering of flowers to Mary by children
    - Saturday: 4pm and 6pm Masses
    - Sunday: 8am, 10am and 5pm masses
    - April 2: 3pm Divine Mercy Novena ends on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12 (Second Sunday of Easter)**
  - Proposal
    - June 21- Mass wedding – couples must meet parish requirements.
  
- That Man is You – Dave Patula (Jeff Paine not present)
  - That Man Is You (TMIIY) spring semester (Season 7) started and runs January 14 - April 15. We meet every Wednesday morning in the Gathering Room at St. Albert The Great Catholic Church at 6:00am with a light breakfast and camaraderie. The program starts at 6:30am with faith sharing beginning at 7:00am; we conclude promptly at 7:30am.
  
- Building and Grounds Committee – Pat Pusich
  - OSHA Review of School – compliance list is completed
  - Church Security
    - Church Doors/Exit Device estimate \$15K (getting 2<sup>nd</sup> quote)
    - Security/impact Film (\$15/psf) Getting quotes for school, office, church (stain glass)
    - Vehicle barrier options at church concrete patio.
    - Church lights at exterior entry soffit to be on solar sensors for control
  - School Security – Vehicle Gates to secure Parking Lot (2 gates @ 15K each)- **Skip Polak (parishioner) looking into less costly options**
  - Flood Damage/Recovery/Prevention- almost finished

- Gutters and Downspouts (work scheduled for January 2026)
- Church Bathroom Renovation Update
- Church two side shrines - exterior CMU walls and Roof need repairs – water damage - (question on Insurance
- Church Sign Repair Estimate of \$1,110 (NTE)
- **Looking for grant writer for parish grants**
- **Ask congregation for people with construction or machinery expertise as possible people to contact to help repair items on the Parish grounds – will ask in announcements**

**Meeting closed at 6:56PM, Next meeting will be Thursday February 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM**