

**Holy Family of the Bluffs Parish**  
**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**  
**January 15, 2026**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception, Lansing

**Roll Call**

Present: Father Joseph, Allison Benzing, Deb Stantic, Laurie Rethwisch, Pete Mauss, Dan Conway, Amy McCormick, Peggy Berns (ex-officio secretary)  
Rosary Society/Parish Life Reps: Joan Hennessy, Teri Collins, Patty Manning, and Pat Zoll  
Absent: Brandon O'Neill, Jack Heffern, and Amy McCormick  
Guest(s): Dan Colsch, Jackie Colsch, Connie Brown and Laure Manning

**Prayer**

Meeting opened with a prayer by Father.

**Meeting Minutes**

- November 13th meeting minutes approved by consensus with proposed change of noted meeting location to Wexford.

**Pastoral Council Discussion**

- Reviewed 1<sup>st</sup> six months of finances along with current account balances.
- Timeline of Journey in Faith
  - November – feedback
  - December – data analysis
  - January – drafting pastorates – final draft
  - February – active priests given proposal
  - March – personal advisory board – number of priests at each site
  - April – publicly announce plans
  - July – new weekend mass schedule take effect

Over the next year parishes grow into next phase.

- Journey in Faith Transition
  - Staff will be meeting weekly covering the following:
    - Parish life, ministry, budget, staffing, councils, rectory, living spaces and other topics – see January 15<sup>th</sup> agenda for reference

**Parish Life/Rosary Society Report(s)**

- Lansing – coffee & donuts after December 7<sup>th</sup> mass wasn't well attended however January was. Will continue to host coffee & donuts in February, March, and April.
- New Albin – Hot breakfast in winter months has done well; January 1<sup>st</sup> Switchback, and looking to do a community project – haven't decided at this point. Getting more participation from younger families.

- Wexford – Planning for feast of IC; discussion of spring cleaning; 1<sup>st</sup> communion in April; June 28<sup>th</sup> hosting 175<sup>th</sup> celebration with noon mass w/meal and games; will continue to have monthly summer breakfast
- Harpers Ferry – hosted rosary/parish life brunch which was attended by 29; February 21<sup>st</sup> soup supper; Feast Day on the 19<sup>th</sup>; planning 1<sup>st</sup> communion and graduation mass; installation of blinds complete; purchased new Christmas decorations.

### **New Business**

- Need new organ in Lansing ~ around \$15,000
- Look at ministry share

### **Old Business**

- Waiting on HF furnace installation

**Closed in Prayer** by Allison at 7:40 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** February 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in Harpers Ferry