

**Holy Family of the Bluffs Parish  
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
March 12, 2026**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, New Albin

**Roll Call**

Present: Father Joseph, Dan Conway, Pete Mauss, Laurie Rethwisch, Deb Stantic, and Peggy Berns (ex-officio secretary)

Rosary Society/Parish Life Reps: Patty Manning and Gail Whalen

Absent: Brandon O'Neill, Allison Benzing, Amy McCormick, Joan Hennessy, Teri Collins and Jack Heffern

Guest(s): Dan Colsch, Jackie Colsch and Laure Manning

**Prayer**

Meeting opened with a prayer by Father.

**Meeting Minutes**

- February 12th meeting minutes approved by consensus.

**Pastoral Council Agenda Item(s)**

- Furnace & Air Conditioning installation is complete & operational

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

- New Albin – 1 funeral, no dinner, Spring Cleaning not necessary, Easter Lillies have been ordered, hosting hot breakfast next month, Feast of St. Joseph next week, and a funeral scheduled for March 28th
- Wexford – Prayer Chain, Hall painted – expense is being donated, Wexford t-shirts, Breakfast May 10<sup>th</sup>, first communion & bacculaureate mass
- Harpers Ferry – N/A
- Lansing – Bounce into Spring Event this weekend

**New Business**

- Reviewed Communication of Councils, Commissions & Committees (ground up initiative “make things happen”)
  - Google Form – complete if interest in being on council. HFOB meeting quarterly; merged parishes meet monthly. (1 or 2 members on merged council)
  - Parish Life Events – decide event, then inform Father
  - No Stewardship Committee
  - Social Justice – Act of Kindness
  - Buildings & Grounds – not elected (will be local group)
  - Evangelization
- Proposed Pastorate Financial Model
  - All priest meeting April 10<sup>th</sup>

- Decision Announced April 11<sup>th</sup>
- Finance Questions – Reviewed Pastorate Financial Model
  - Pastorate paying bills
  - Maintain office in Lansing
- Mass Time Survey – To determine desired mass time
  - Decision by late April/early May – pastor will make final decision

### **Buildings & Grounds**

- Harpers Ferry Front Door fix or replace
- Wexford Hall Painting – Donated
- 2<sup>nd</sup> boiler in Lansing is out of service. Possible resource to pay for all or some
- Rectory Roof
- Handicap door @ Lansing – approach off the street needs to be handicap friendly
- Wexford Furnace (3-years old) – pump leak has been fixed

### **Old Business**

- New organ at IC Lansing – Father Joseph (not urgent)

**Pastoral Leadership Day** – April 16<sup>th</sup>. Council members are welcome to attend. Let Father know if interested in attending.

**Closed in Prayer** by Dan Conway at 7:20 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** Scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup> – will wait to have meeting in Waukon on April 27<sup>th</sup>