

Holy Family of the Bluffs Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. at Immaculate Conception, Lansing

Roll Call

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

Rosary Society/Parish Life Reps: Teri Collins

Absent: Brandon O'Neill, Pete Mauss, Amy McCormick, Joan Hennessy, Gail Whalen, Patty Manning and Jack Heffern

Guest(s): Dan Colsch and Jackie Colsch

Prayer

Meeting opened with a prayer by Father.

Meeting Minutes

- March 12th meeting minutes approved by consensus.

Parish Life/Rosary Society Report(s)

- New Albin – Parish life has donated 4x8 raised garden beds for the community
- Wexford – 175th Anniversary Party, 1st breakfast held and hall updates are complete and look nice
- Harpers Ferry – June 20th after 4 pm mass will have hot dogs, chips, ice cream & beverages along with music in the parking lot. Will be asking for free will donations. July 26th church dinner & raffle being held.
- Lansing – Cemetery road project bids came in at \$65,000 for blacktop & \$89,000 for concrete. Monthly coffee & donuts – May's event will be in conjunction with Barb Winters' Spirit of the Heart event. June 7th following 10 am mass there will be a fundraising event for the cemetery road repair project. Free will offering.

Pastoral Council

- Upcoming Events: 8-week course – Healing the Whole Person, 12-week Evangelical Catholic, 8-to-9-week course She shall be Called Woman lead by parishner(s)
- Final Feedback regarding mass time will be announced the weekend of May 29th & 30th.
 - Suggested mass times: 4 pm Saturday & 9 am Sunday with 6:30 pm Spanish mass Saturday
 - All pastors will meet next week
- Mass Intentions – one employee will be in charge; Amber will be handling the mass intention schedule
- Rituals & Celebrations for final weekend masses to be held July 11th & 12th at Wexford, New Albin & Harpers Ferry. Parish life/rosary society will be in charge of planning celebration.

- Starting July 11th & 12th, the bulletin will be consolidated. Sheri Moser will be lead, Holly will help & Amber will be backup.
- Masses as Pastorate
 - Liturgical ministries, musicians/hymnals, etc. Connie in Monona, Amber in Lansing & Holly in Waukon will be reaching out to parishners to ask if they are interested in continuing ministries at chosen location.
 - Lane will continue to lead musicians
 - Hymnals used: OCP – music issue (no readings); Source & Summit for readings. Plan to print music chosen for funerals.
 - Intentional Hospitality, Parish Life to keep circles, use teams to brainstorm
 - Social Schedule
- Councils next year will be a one-year commitment
- Commission will be a smaller group that will meet monthly; Waukon – 2 members; Monona, McGregor, Postville, Hanover, Dorchester – 1 member each; Holy Family of the Bluffs – 4 members. HFOB will meet quarterly.

Buildings & Grounds

- Harpers Ferry projects:
 - Front Door
 - Flooring Project
- Lansing Projects:
 - 2nd boiler
 - Rectory & Garage Roof
 - Concrete Fixed – 6-8 sections; bid \$5,530
 - Lights – Mauss Electric will look @ all fixtures

Old Business

- None

Closed in Prayer by Deb Stantic at 7:27 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 12th at Wexford