

Holy Family of the Bluffs Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Father Joseph, Pete Mauss, Deb Stantic, Allison Benzing, Laurie Rethwisch, Dan Conway, Amy McCormick, Jack Heffern

Rosary Society/Parish Life Reps: Teri Collins, Kay (Pat) Gavin, Joan Hennessy, Pat Zoll

Absent: Brandon O'Neill

Guest(s): Dan Colsch, Jackie Colsch & Peggy Berns

Prayer

Meeting opened with a prayer by Father

Opening

- Statement of Gratitude for all our Parish Leaders
- Election of Officers:
 - President – Amy McCormick
 - Vice-President – Dan Conway
 - Secretary – Peggy Berns

Approve Meeting Minutes

- No minutes to approve – 1st meeting as Holy Family of the Bluffs Parish

Pastor's Report

- Resource to read about Archdiocesan Journey in Faith: Mission, Vision, Core Values and Strategic Priorities <https://www.dbqjourneyinfaith.org/>
- Father reviewed our needs, shepherding, faith formation and encouraged members to think about our mission, vision, core values and strategic priorities
- Journey in Faith team members are Dan Colsch, Andy Wagner, Laurie Manning, Brigid Cota. Meeting dates and locations were provided.

Parish Life/Rosary Society Report(s)

- Joan Hennessy asked that Fr. Joseph's 5-Year Ordination Anniversary Party on Sunday, August 17th be announced at all masses. There will be a celebration after mass from 11:00 am to 1:00 p.m. with a meal. Will have a bucket asking for free will donations to help with costs.
- Switchover of accounts have happened with the exception of Harpers Ferry Rosary Society.

New Business

- Should we have a parish mission that has an annual budget of \$3,000.00, suggested amount to add life to our parish? To be discussed in the future.

- Back to Galilee night has been held Sunday evenings. Typically, it has 2 adults and 1 youth testimonies. Chris Troendle makes food.

Old Business

- None

Closed in Prayer by Deb Stantic at 7:23 p.m.

Next Meeting: ~~Thursday, September 11th at 6:30 pm @ St. Ann-St Joseph Church, Harpers Ferry~~ Attend Journey in Faith Regional Meeting in September