

SAINT JOHN EVANGELIST PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Date: May 22nd, 2025

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Julia Rodemeier, Ken Udovich, Rich Tauferner, Fr. Michael Lawinger, Carol Marksteiner, Paul Garni, Rick Michaletz, Bridgitt Zielke

Excused: Nick Cinquepalmi

I. The meeting was called to order by Bridgitt Zielke.

II. The Opening Prayer was led by Father Michael.

III. The minutes from the April Pastoral Council Meeting were presented and approved.

IV. The agenda was approved.

V. Committee Reports

A. Hospitality:

-Mass weekly socials will switch to weekly. Several families volunteered, and a schedule has been made for the next few months. Toys are now available in a chest outside, encouraging folks to gather outside during the warm months.

-No further development on the playground was reported.

B. Deanery Commission: No new information; nothing anticipated until fall.

C. Human Concerns: The Lenten Almsgiving was successful, raising \$15,000. Anchor of Hope has a second candidate for the education scholarship. The Emmaus Meal event is upcoming and will require volunteers.

D. CLC: No update provided.

E. Building and Grounds:

-Father reported upcoming projects including AC work, flooring, painting, and countertop and sink replacement.

-A shortfall of \$4,000 for these projects will need to be donated.

VI. Old Business

A. Mass Time Changes: The changes are proceeding well, and numbers are high. An update is needed at all local hotels; Julia will investigate this.

B. SJE Rectory Update: This was covered under the Building and Grounds Committee Report.

C. Religious Education Update:

-Summer religious programs include Totus Tuus and At Home Mission Week.

Volunteers are needed for these programs, as are donations of money and food for Totus Tuus. Registration numbers are currently comparable to last year, with expectations for more registrants.

-CGS and RE will implement a unified sign-up sheet across both parishes.

D. Joint Summer Picnic: Scheduled for August 10th at 11:30 a.m. at Rochester Park. Entertainment has been scheduled, and the committee is exploring options for food trucks.

E. Call for Volunteers: Julia issued a call for volunteers which was successful. Both parishes need to continue efforts to recruit new volunteers.

VII. New Business

A. 2025 Adult Pastoral Council Nomination Discernment:

1. Parish staff are to create nomination forms and place them in pews for Masses on the weekends of May 24th/25th, May 31st/June 1st, and June 7th/8th.
2. Calls for adult pastoral council nominations will be included in the bulletin from May 24th to June 8th.
3. PC members are scheduled to speak at Mass on June 1st (Pau) and June 8th (Rick).
4. Regarding contacting nominated parishioners to gauge interest, Gretchen will create a Google Doc, and individual council members can sign up to contact those they know.
5. A decision was made not to add an additional information meeting similar to Blessed Trinity.
6. Parish staff are to communicate with and schedule discernment with Gail Craig for Wednesday, June 12th.

B. Father Michael expressed his desire to transition to one joint council between parishes next year, commencing this summer. This joint council would comprise up to 18 members, approximately half from each parish. Half of each meeting will be dedicated to prayer and discussion, with the other half allocated for formal agenda items. This new structure will necessitate restructuring existing committees. A parish trustee is not required for another two years.

VIII. Administrator's Remarks

- A. Financial Update: A letter providing a financial update, which will replace the annual meeting, is scheduled to be sent to parish members in late June or early July. This letter will include financial information from the past two fiscal years.
- B. Father's Installation Mass: The date for Father's installation mass has not yet been assigned, and no celebration has been announced.
- C. Pentecost Reflection: Father invited the council to reflect on the core purpose of a parish, emphasizing the mission to "save souls," and to consider how the parish and council structure should be re-aligned to achieve this goal.

IX. Father Michael closed the meeting with prayer.