



ST. JOHN XXIII CATHOLIC CHURCH

8100 Roncalli Dr.
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404-9178

Pastoral Council Meeting – **Minutes**

May 21st at 5:30 p.m.

Opening prayer - Father

Roll Call – Father Greg, Nancy, Ed, Paul, Mary, Cindy

I. Pastor's comments

- We need to make Pastoral Council into a more consultative body. Our committees work well. Communication is lacking between Pastoral Council and the committees. More transparency and involvement are needed.
- MMU – Father has (mostly) completed his duties at MMU. His day off is Tuesday.
- Mass at 8:00 am on Thursdays has resumed. There are too many conflicts in Father's schedule to do an evening Mass.
- Father would like to do a volunteer fair to highlight areas where people can become involved. Summer is not a good time.
- Altar server training is needed. We don't really need 3 per Mass except on special occasions. We need to make serving at Mass "cool" so more kids are interested.
- Matt Smith, seminarian, will be living at the rectory with Father for a couple of months. His primary duty is at Mercy Medical Center, but he will be working at our parish evenings and weekends.
- Father has been named to Xavier System Board of Ed

II. Staffing Considerations

- Allison has resigned from the Religious Ed program.
- Staffing is a top priority. Positions may be combined if we can find the right people. Religious Ed is a top priority.

III. 25th Anniversary – The 25th anniversary committee is working on the event. There are tentative plans for a Mass of celebration in the evening on Wednesday, September 3 with hors d'oeuvres to be served after. Also looking at a possible speaker for Wednesday, August 27th. Planning a 9-day Novena.

IV. Disciple Maker Index – we will use information from the survey to develop our parish. Father will be including some statistics in the bulletin. Key parish leaders will need to be identified and trained. Contact Father if you have any suggestions. We have 604 households registered in our parish.

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- V. Pastoral Council Elections/Terms – planning Pastoral Council elections for the 3rd week of July. Contact Father with suggestions of someone who would be a valuable PC member.
- VI. Considerations on the Building Project – Building project will go on hold for a while. We need stability before we move forward with this.
- VII. General needs of the parish
 - We need to have a pastoral council member attached to each standing committee to increase transparency, visibility and communication.
 - The plastic covers on the missals need to be replaced. They are broken and sharp.
- VIII. Next Meeting – Wednesday, August 6, 2025 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted
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