

# ST. JOSEPH PASTORAL COUNCIL

January 18, 2024

## Members in Attendance:

Ex. Off. Rev. Jeffrey Hennes  
2025 Mike Daniels  
2025 Tim Higgins  
2025 John Lutz  
2025 Dave Osier  
2025 Ellen Miskowski  
2024 Kris Hansen

## Absent/Excused Members:

- I. The meeting began with prayer at 6:02 p.m.
- II. Minutes approved over email and posted
- III. Old Business
  - A. Diocesan Annual Appeal
    1. We recapped the status of the current appeal year.
      - a) Our goal is \$57,870, and \$24,465 (44%) has been pledged from 91 families.
  - B. Building Projects
    1. HVAC - Is on track and some preliminary work will be done before the arrival of the units
    2. Steps - We received a bid from Alchemy that will rebuild the Jefferson Street staircase similar to what is there now, considering current codes. They will work with the historic stonework and reuse what they can. They will assist in finding the right contractor to help with railings. The hope would be to have the project completed in 2024. They will work with the sprinkler installer so that this project can be achieved. Buildings and Grounds and Finance Council approved this bid previously, and all on the Parish Council favored moving forward.
    3. Carpeting/Painting - Once we know the final costs of the in-progress projects, we will revisit this project and associated costs.
- IV. New Business
  - A. Rectory Status - We had been keeping the Rectory available for possible housing for a DRE, but that is not needed. We are considering options that could benefit the church or the larger community. The heat has been lowered, and sensors monitor the temperature; Walter also does a weekly walk-thru.
  - B. Railing in Sanctuary - The Finance Council requested that we revisit installing railings to the sanctuary to assist those who might need them. Discussion led back to the complexity of the best location to install them to fit the church's aesthetic. The council recommends revisiting this topic when we need to do replacement of carpeting in the future. A reminder will be offered to ministers that railings are available through the sacristy entrance, and they are welcome to use that entrance.
- V. Committee Reports
  - A. Education - Fr. Hennes
    1. We will begin a Youth Group on Monday, January 2, meeting twice monthly at St. Stephen. The Youth Minister from St. Bronisalva will assist Miss Sommers. All are welcome
    2. Lenten Mission will be held February 25, 26 & 27 at St. Peter. Deacon Keith Strohm will be the present. More information is available on our website.
    3. Lenten Study Series. Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well will be presented four evenings during Lent. More information will be shared in the bulletin and on the website.
    4. Souper Stations. Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays during Lent, and for four weeks, we will also have a Soup Supper available afterward. The other two weeks there will be a Fish Fry at Pacelli that will be promoted.
  - B. Family Life Committee - Tim
    1. Did not meet in December.

2. Members are working on getting things ready for the annual Eggstravaganza on March 30.
3. The next meeting will be on January 19 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

C. Buildings & Grounds - John

1. Walter and Tom Schneeberg continue to work on the LED lighting project. They are currently working on the basement located under the Family Center.
2. Arrow Precision is ready to resurface the parking lot when the weather permits.
3. Van Ert Electric will install a conduit to the HVAC located by the kitchen.
4. Alchemy has submitted a bid for the Wyatt Street Entrance.
5. The outdoor Nativity scene will be replaced, and an interested party will pick up the current set.

D. Call to Justice Committee - Tim

1. Monthly Meal of Hope continues to be held on the third Monday of each month.
  - a) The December meal served 23 meals with 24 carry-out meals. There was also a pantry available with take-home items (fresh fruit, canned foods, cleaning supplies, etc.) funded jointly by the Hunger and Poverty Prevention Partnership and the parish.
  - b) January's meal was hosted by St. Anne's
  - c) Another grant request was submitted to the Hunger and Poverty Prevention Partnership for 2024.
2. Mary Droske continues to be a reviewer for applicants for the Renty Ready Program.
3. Members will be attending a Deanery Meeting regarding Social Ministry in our area. This meeting is related to a recent survey of social ministry activities by Chris Ruff from the Diocese.

E. Sacred Worship - Kris

1. We will need a new coordinator for the Kid's Noel Mass. Mrs. Cornell has stepped down after her many years of faithful service.
2. As a committee, they have been watching a program regarding developing a welcoming and evangelizing parish. The program has not been what they hoped, and will look for something different.
3. Ash Wednesday Mass will be at 12 p.m., with Masses at St. Stephe at 8:15 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
4. Stations of the Cross will be held after weekday Mass times.
5. Lenten Mission will be held at St. Peter
6. They are assisting in the search for a new outdoor nativity.

F. St. Anne's - Ellen

1. Their last meeting was in December. They will be taking off for January and February. They hope to continue to hold their meetings in the afternoon.
2. The Cookie Walk was a success, and they sold out in 40 minutes. They also sold some gift baskets and towels.
3. There are concerns about the oven in the kitchen. Father shared that the ovens have been recalibrated.
4. They donated two Holiday Baskets in honor of the parish staff.
5. They hosted the Meal of Hope in December.

G. Holy Name - Mike

1. They will be putting together a basket for Winterfest
2. The next men's prayer group is this Saturday.
3. Assisting with snacks/refreshments for the Eggstravaganza
4. Will host the Meal of Hope in February
5. Will be scheduling a social with Parish Family Life.

VI. Next Meeting - March 21 at 6 p.m. Father will speak with the Finance Council about holding a few meetings jointly each year.

VII. The meeting ended with a Christmas Social.