

## ST. JOSEPH PASTORAL COUNCIL

November 30, 2023

### Members in Attendance:

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

### Absent/Excused Members:

2025 Tim Higgins  
2024 Dave Osier

### Joint Meeting with Finance Council began at 7:00 p.m.

- I. Inspired by the Spirit Campaign Update
  - A. An update of our pledges, payments, and participation was shared.
    1. Goal: \$440,000
    2. Pledged: \$404,122.80
    3. Paid: \$166,982.85
    4. In parish account: \$77,113.56 as of 10/31/2023
    5. Participation: 124 Families.
- II. 2024 Diocesan Annual Appeal Update
  - A. An update of the current Diocesan Annual Appeal was shared
    1. Goal: \$57,870
    2. Pledged: \$15,750
    3. Participation: 52 Families
- III. Building Project Updates
  - A. Sprinkler System
    1. Was installed with minor issues, all resolved. The system was winterized, and they will be back in the spring to start the system
    2. The portion on Jefferson Street will be installed when the step project is done
  - B. Front Entrance Project
    1. We are waiting for a bid from Alchemy Concrete; we are hopeful that we will have more information before the January meeting
  - C. HVAC
    1. The contract has been signed, and prep work completed
    2. We expect a spring 2024 install before the picnic.
  - D. Key Fob/Camera System
    1. All is working well

### Parish Council Meeting

- I. Minutes were approved over email.
- II. Old Business:
  - A. None
- III. New Business:
  - A. Holiday Basket
    1. Kris & Ellen will do the shopping and drop off.
    2. If you want to make an offering, please bring it to the office.
  - B. October Mass Counts

1. While our numbers increased from 2022, we have not fully recovered from pre-2020. The 4 p.m. Mass has better attendance than the 10:30 a.m.

#### IV. Committee Reports

##### A. Education - Fr. Hennes:

###### 1. Pacelli

- a) Pacelli enrollment has increased, with the Middle School enrollment up the most.
- b) The Pre-K classroom is successful, and there is discussion about adding another room.
- c) In the process of re-evaluating how parishes are assessed, this will be a multi-year process. It will take a look at the actual costs to run the system.
- d) Mr. Przekurat is fitting in well
- e) St. Stephen is running well, and Fr. Todd indicates that things are running well at St. Peter and the High School.
- f) Bishop Callahan will be coming for a Mass during Catholic Schools week on Friday, February 2, at St. Bronislava. Sacred Heart & St. Adalbert schools will be invited.
- g) St. Stephen's Christmas Concert will be on December 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sentry Theatre.

###### 2. Religious Education

- a) Christine is settling in.
- b) Penance retreat is this weekend, December 2
- c) St. Nick's Family Party will be on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at St. Stephen's Gymnasium. Will include crafts, snacks, a movie, and more.

##### B. Family Life - Tim:

1. The Pastoral Council hosted the October social, and I heard it went well.
2. The homeschooling group will host a March social.
3. Ideas for socials are:
  - a) Ice skating/sledding/tobogganing
  - b) Taco Bar Social
  - c) Ice cream social with root beer floats
  - d) Potluck social in July
  - e) St. Joseph Day celebration
4. They are looking into a Women's retreat that they had initially planned to host this past September but were unable to get together.

##### C. Sacred Worship - Kris:

1. December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation; St. Joe's will have a vigil Mass at 6 p.m.
2. A Prayer of Thanksgiving will be prayed during the Advent & Christmas Season
3. Nine people are going to the Eucharistic Congress in July 2024.
4. All David Haas music has been removed from the repertoire of songs used.
5. Tim Higgins has volunteered to put up the big trees for Christmas
6. The Chalice will be offered at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. It will not be offered at 4 p.m. as we did not get enough volunteers.

7. A Christmas gift of a small Creche and prayer card will be given out at all Christmas Masses.

D. St. Anne's - Ellen:

1. The recent bake sale earned more than \$1,000.
2. They will be hosting the Meal of Hope in January
3. They will be putting together gift bags for homebound parishioners.
4. The Cookie Walk is this weekend, December 2. Lynn Meyer and a few others are assembling gift baskets to be sold.
5. They are making cards to send to future members
6. A special thank you to Mary Schulfer and Luci Lutz for their hard work in providing recent funeral meals.
7. New table decorations will be made for funeral meals.

E. Holy Name - Mike:

1. The October Pork Roast dinner served around 200 people. The Girl and Boy Scouts assisted, and many helped with baskets for the raffle.
2. The Men's prayer group at 19 in attendance in October and 9 in November.
3. They will host the Meal of Hope in December

V. The next Meeting will be separate from the Finance Council and will be on January 18 at 6 p.m. at the St. Stephen Rectory.

VI. The meeting ended with a closing prayer at 7:50 p.m.