

ST. JOSEPH PASTORAL COUNCIL

May 14, 2024

Members in Attendance:

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

Absent/Excused Members:

2024 Dave Oser

- I. Meeting began at 6:05 p.m. with Prayer
- II. Minutes were approved via email following the last meeting.
- III. Featured Discussion: Tithing
 - A. The Council reviewed the list of charitable organizations to which they have contributed in past years. One organization is no longer active.
 - B. The amount was increased, and One Big Tent was added to the listing.
 - C. The list and suggested offerings will be shared with the Finance Council for review.
- IV. Old Business:
 - A. Diocesan Annual Appeal
 1. We have 118 families that have contributed \$29,592 to our \$57,870 goal.
 2. We are expecting a shortfall due to the generosity given to the Inspired by the Spirit Campaign.
 - B. Inspired by the Spirit
 1. 127 families contributed \$413,022.80 to our \$440,000 goal.
 - C. Building Projects:
 1. Painting has begun and will be completed before the picnic
 2. Flooring has arrived, and installation should begin next week.
 3. The new range has arrived and has been installed.
 4. We do not have a firm date for the front-step project to begin, but we will contact Alchemy.
 5. The HVAC project has been delayed a bit, with a later delivery than expected for the rooftop unit.
 6. Sprinklers were installed, but we have not yet used them due to the wet weather.
 7. The parking lot should be completed after the picnic when the school year has finished.
 8. All projects are funded entirely through the Inspired by the Spirit Campaign or parish funds; we also received a generous offering from a community member to use for future building needs.
- V. New Business:
 - A. Vision Statement - Embracing the Gospel, St. Joseph Catholic Parish aspires to be a vibrant, welcoming community who engage all we encounter as we build up the family of God.
 1. We have had this vision statement for two years; after review, all agreed to leave it as worded for another year.
 2. Will review it again in May 2025
 - B. 2025 Jubilee Holy Year
 1. Father is hoping to do a joint parish pilgrimage to Italy in 2025. He is hoping that the Shroud of Turin will be on display
 2. Since it is also a Jubilee Year, we hope to have a Parish Directory completed as well. This would be a joint directory with St. Stephen parish, each having separate sections.
 - C. St. Bronislava
 1. Fr. Hennes was appointed Administrator of St. Bronislava in the days following Easter.
 2. The weekday Mass schedule at St. Bronislava was reduced so that it could be handled by Fr. Mlsna and Fr. Hennes. Fr. Hennes does have office hours there on Friday mornings.
 3. The Pro-Populo Mass offered at St. Joseph & St. Stephen includes the St. Bronislava family through June.
 - D. Parish Council Nominations
 1. Nominations were received and tallied. Fr. Hennes will call in the coming weeks to see if they accept.
 - E. Catholic Homeschool Group
 1. Has completed the year, and all went well.
 2. They are looking to return next school year. We are working with the Diocese to ensure all is in line with the lease and insurance needs.
- VI. Committee Reports:
 - A. Education, Fr. Hennes:
 1. Pacelli -
 - a) Mr. Przekurat resigned to take a new position in Appleton. Mrs. Lopas is the interim president, and Fr. Potaczek is the Dean overseeing the system. A search team has been formed, and interviews should begin soon.
 - b) Baccalaureate Mass is May 22 at St. Bronislava, and graduation will be held on May 25.
 - c) Stem labs will be added to the grade schools and middle school.

- d) There were two openings at St. Stephen, but both have been filled. A few have retired throughout the system, but overall staffing for next year looks stable.
- 2. Religious Education
 - a) Finished for the year, planning has begun for next year.
 - b) High school students were encouraged to attend the Answer Rally in La Crosse on June 7. If they cannot attend the rally, they will need to participate in a book study.
 - c) We will be working with St. Bronislava for Vacation Bible Camp for the younger students.
 - d) Middle School students can participate in a trip to Champion and Bay Beach in July.
- 3. Family Life, Tim:
 - a) No report received
 - b) Others reported that the Eggstravaganza was well attended and enjoyed by all.
- 4. Buildings & Grounds, John:
 - a) The LED lighting project continues and is near completion.
 - b) Awaiting the sprinkler installers to turn on the system and make the necessary repairs.
 - c) The ground AC unit is being installed, unsure when the rooftop installation will begin.
 - d) Painting of the Family Center and adjoining rooms is in progress.
 - e) The carpeting will be delivered and installed when the painting is completed.
 - f) Snow blower attachment will be taken in for an evaluation.
- 5. Call to Justice, Tim:
 - a) The Meal of Hope has been running smoothly. In March, 40 meals were served, and in April, 44. The pantry with fresh fruits, toiletries, and other non-perishable items has been well received.
 - b) The next meal is May 20, and due to the projects, they are planning ahead to possibly serve it as a take-out meal.
- 6. Sacred Worship, Kris:
 - a) The Holy Week activities and Masses went well.
 - b) May Crowning was led by St. Anne's on Saturday, and the children on Sunday.
 - c) St. Joe's will host the Memorial Day Mass at Guardian Angel Cemetery.
 - d) The Corpus Christi Procession will be held on June 2, beginning at the end of the 8:30 a.m. St. Stephen Mass and processing to St. Joseph.
 - e) The cost of reupholstering the cushions and choir loft chairs has been covered by a donation.
 - f) A committee member was asked to resign.
- 7. St. Anne's, Ellen:
 - a) The last meeting was held in April. Christine Sommers was the speaker. She gave an overview of the Religious Education program and introduced herself.
 - b) The May meeting was postponed to June.
 - c) They will be sponsoring a basket for the picnic.
 - d) They have offered to assist in covering the cost of the new stove and made an offer to purchase the new Rose Vestment.
- 8. Holy Name, Mike:
 - a) Assisted with the Eggstravaganza
 - b) The last men's prayer was well attended. They hope for good weather for the May evening gathering so that they can meet outside.

VII. Other Business

A. Youth Ministry Sweepstakes

- 1. It will again be held with tickets mailed in late June.
- 2. We will again offer a family night on Saturday, August 24, with dinner, movie, and popcorn.

B. Promotion

- 1. Kristi was promoted to Office Manager.

VIII. Next Meeting: September 19 at 6 p.m.