

Pastoral Council's Meeting
Thursday, May 29, 2025
UNAPPROVED Minutes

Attendance: Father Robert, Ted Zabel, Roger Stanley, Jennifer Otto, Carli Peters, Carl Peterson, Will VanRossum, Randy Conrad, Leah VandenBosch

Opening Prayer – Father Robert at 6:43 pm

Approval of Agenda –Motion to approve 1) Jen Otto 2) Carli Peters; unanimous

Approval of Pastoral Council 3.19.25 Minutes: Motion to approve 1) Carli Peters 2) Ted Zabel; unanimous

Review Data from Mass Time Survey: Mass times survey results as follows: 7am & 9am – 98 votes; 7:30 & 9:30- 87 votes; 8 & 10- 131 votes; 8:30 & 10:30 – 86 votes. Of those who went to another parish for mass sometimes was due to air conditioning, schedule conflict and travel. Father Judah will review results and discuss and finalize at the next Pastoral Council meeting (TBD), possibly starting new mass schedule after Labor Day.

Update on transitional items that need to be addressed with changes in priest: There is nothing pertinent that needs to be addressed immediately that Father Robert hadn't discussed already.

Discussion on homeless shelter meals for remainder of 2025: Jen Otto to discuss with Mrs. Linwood and Mrs. Lutz. Emails are to be sent out 1 week prior to event. Each week should be roughly \$200 to cover expenses.

Committee Reports:

- 1) **Finance Council: Will VanRossum** – Our current budget has about a \$47k deficit. Finance is currently working to get an overview in the bulletin in July for the fiscal year. Would like to have cash accounts set up so people can just come worship and celebrate!
- 2) **School Advisory: Leah VandenBosch**- Currently still have 2 open positions to fill for next school year. Need a 3k Aide and an 8th grade teacher/Middle school teacher. Also talked about retention for 3k, 4k and middle school years. Deacon Peter Gard with the Diocese is willing to come take a look at our school, to discuss with Mrs. Lutz and Father Judah.
- 3) **Discipleship: Roger Stanley** – We had a wonderful Adult Lenten Video study on the Rosary. We are having an adult pilgrimage on May 29th to St. Joan of Arc and St. Josephat. Our Thursday morning women's group will continue thru the summer months. The widow/widowers' dinner held on April 22nd with St. Ed's went very well. The St. Carlos room has been a wonderful meeting room for our middle and high school youth groups! Love Begins Here mission will be held here at St. Nicholas. We have 12 from St. Nicholas Parish and 45 from other parishes attending the mission! We will be bringing 21 high schoolers to attend the Steubenville Conference July 11-13. Our last RE gathering was on April 9th with another successful year with 223 young disciples. First Communion was held the weekend of April 26th and 27th with 36 young first communicants. Our RE catechist dinner was held at Buzz's where we received good feedback for ongoing discipleship for the parish. Current registration numbers for next year's RE program is 162 students/110 families.
- 4) **Worship: Carl Peterson** – Pentecost, Holy Trinity and Corpus Christi have Jesus' blood. Ann Thelan has retired from her job and has quite a few weddings to fill in for music. This year's Easter masses; Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, had quite a few changes from years past. Will be discussed on how we want
- 5) **Hospitality: Ted Zabel** – The last Sunday Social had a low turnout; however, it was not a normal scheduled weekend. Will continue to have Social Sundays after summer break.

6) **Buildings and Grounds: Randy Conrad** – The deck is off of Father's house. Looking to put steps in place of it. Tree cutting went well and completely finished. Looking to get reports for heating for the last 3 years to see how the new system is for saving money.

New Business: The appreciation dinner went well. We should try to continue to host either yearly or biyearly.

Pastoral Report: Father Judah will be living in the priest house alone. The priest from St. Ed's has his own home in Mackville. The parish staff are all staying on for next year! Thank you everyone😊

Next Pastoral Council Meeting TBD

Closing prayer – 7:43 pm

Motion to Adjourn 1) Ted Zabel 2) Will VanRossum; Unanimous

Submitted by: Jennifer Otto