

Pastoral Council's Meeting
Thursday, August 21, 2025
UNAPPROVED Minutes

Attendance: Father Judah, Ted Zabel, Carli Peters, Carl Peterson, Leah VandenBosch, Seth Ponschock. Non-Members include Jill Carey and Jennifer Otto

Carl Peterson was assigned role of Secretary of Pastoral Council.

Opening Prayer – Father Robert at 6:36 pm

Approval of Agenda –Motion to approve 1) Ted Zabel 2) Leah VandenBosch; unanimous

Approval of Pastoral Council 5.29.25 Minutes: Motion to approve 1) Leah VandenBosch 2) Ted Zabel; unanimous

Review Data from Mass Time Survey: After reviewing and discussing the survey results, votes were taken for the 7:30/9:30 and 8/10 options. With a 3 to 2 vote, the 7:30 & 9:30 will begin the beginning of October. The change will be announced at church and listed in the bulletin, Facebook, emails and on the doors for the month of September. Jill will help get the Ministry Pro changed for the servers, ushers, musicians and lectors. Carl Peterson will contact the Worship committee to see if there is someone who can take this task over for Ministry Pro. Vicky Wolf is a possible candidate to assist with this. It was discussed to have the Pastoral Council umbrella over existing committees to make sure the tasks are assigned properly. Ushers currently do not hold meetings or have a set lead but Seth is willing to work with Father going forward on this. The trial 5:45 mass will be done after August but will continue for the summer months going forward. We will be keeping the Saturday 4pm mass.

Pillars Update: Currently Pillars will no longer be available as an option to volunteer through the parish. We will instead look at local options for parishioners to assist within the community such as the food pantry. If we were to pick it back up anytime, we will focus at promoting parishioners help before committing.

Servers Appreciation: Instead of doing an appreciation meal or get together, it was discussed to do a Christmas card and gift. Looking at using Script to purchase \$250 in Gurnsey Girls gift cards for the 25 servers we have. Father had done this at other parishes and it was well received.

Committee Reports:

- 1) **Finance Council: Seth Ponshock** – We received ERC money in our account to either invest in endowments or to put in the St. Margret Mary fund. There was discussion on this but has not been formally voted on yet. Also discussed was to put a list of needs and dreams in the bulletin for parishioners to look over.
- 2) **School Advisory: Leah VandenBosch**- All staff has been hired and has had a great start to the school year. The first School Advisory meeting will be held the last week of August and will have more information for the next Pastoral meeting.
- 3) **Discipleship: Roger Stanley** – A men's group will be starting September 9 at 5:30am-6:30am and will be held weekly on Tuesdays. Roger has stepped down from his position on Pastoral Council. We are looking for 2 new members to step into roles on the council. Middle and High School students continue to meet at least 1x/mo. Love Begins Here was a success and went very well hosting it at St. Nicholas. The Steubenville Conference was a wonderful time with 22 high school students and 4 adult chaperones from St. Nicholas attending. Our women's group continues to meet each Thursday after mass and has slowing increased. A young adults gathering took place mid-August and a nice group gathered. RE registrations have started coming in. We currently have 216 students registered for this school year. Our traveling Chalice started in March and has continued to travel each month to a different family. We are already seeing fruits develop from this blessing! Please reach out if you or someone you know would like to

receive the traveling chalice. Discipleship has taken on 1st child baptisms to help Fr. Judah for now. We have 2 people desiring to enter the Catholic Church and will be received with KCP.

4) **Worship: Carl Peterson** – The family of Deacon Don Newhouse purchased a digital piano in remembrance of him. Thank you! What a blessing he continues to be! If the mass times change to 8am and 10am, the choir will canter for either one. The Sunday pm masses have been will attended. On September 7th, grandparents/elderly will be celebrated after the Sunday masses.

5) **Hospitality: Ted Zabel** – Hospitality took a summer break. They will celebrate Grandparents and the elderly the weekend of September 7 after all the masses. October and November's Social Sunday will be held the end of the month. December will not have a Social Sunday.

6) **Buildings and Grounds: Randy Conrad** – No Update

New Business: No Update

Pastoral Report: No Update

Next Pastoral Council Meeting is September 18th at 6:30 pm. It will be the Annual Parish Meeting in the St. Therese Hall.

Closing prayer – 8:00 pm

Motion to Adjourn 1) Carl Peterson 2) Leah Vanden Bosch; Unanimous

Submitted by: Carl Peterson