

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.

I. Attendance:

Fr. Michael Foley, Chandra Johnson, Mattie Clay, Colleen Gilbert, Michael Bell, Terry Hamrick, Barbara Edwards, Kathy Gomer, and Nancy Sanders

II. Opening:

Chandra Johnson leads in Opening Prayer and Faith Share

Introduction of New Members: Mattie Clay and Colleen Gilbert

Minutes Approved

III. Goal Teams:

(1) Disabilities – Lynda Thabes absent. Pastoral members discussed

Objective 1: Audio Fetch Express: Pastoral Council members discussed the trial of the Audio Fetch.

- The trial run was successful.

Objective 2: Rubber threshold ramp – objective is ongoing.

- Goal team needs to address locating a rubber threshold ramp to cover the rise area at one of the entrances.
- It is available at Amazon or Walmart for \$49 dollars.

Objective 3: Goal team one will facilitate and solicit input. They will also communicate through the bulletin and through social media.

- “Did you Know” Section will be used to educate members on the Core Elements of the Church. *New Section*.

Objective 4: Buddy system for Altar Servers-objective is ongoing.

- Discussion on Altar Servers with disabilities being assisted with a Buddy System. Pastoral council indicated this could be helpful.

(2) Discipleship – Barbara Edwards
(goal is to participate and facilitate Discipleship)

Objective 1: Rescue Project- Discussed the Discipleship of the Rescue project with a report. The progress being shared with the Pastoral committee.

- Goal team 2: Scheduled dates for the Rescue Project (September 10, 2025 - October 15 from 7:30 to 9:00pm).
 - o The videos are embedded in the link to the project.

- o There is a link to the download of companion book and to facilitating project [Run - the RESCUE project](https://rescueproject.us/run/#companionguides) (https://rescueproject.us/run/#companionguides)
- Goal team 2: Pastoral Council will participate in planning the small-scale version of The Rescue Project.
 - o No food will be offered. Only bottled water will be available.
- Goal 2 team members Nancy, Kathy, Terri, and Barb to help facilitate the program.
 - o Looking for any additional members.
 - o Keeping it very simple.
- Recommendations: Planning will take place now through the summer. Are there any questions from the Pastoral Council?

Objective 2: Gift Assessment

- Currently on hold. Survey is being administered currently

Objective 3: Catechesis and Family Education

- Goal team 2 reports that they are looking for volunteers to lead the chaplet.

(3) Healthy Body & Healthy Soul

Objective 1: Ministry Interest Groups including the Young/Adults with other Good Shepherd communities.

- One of the purposes is to engage all groups of the church. However, the focus is the group of Young Adults who age out of that group.
- An extensive discussion was had on the name and focus of goal team.
- The function is to reinvigorate the church and faith community through activities.
- Identify interested team members in this group.
- Discernment of Council executive Board.

Objective 2: Upcoming events

- First Friday Family Night Kickoff
- Prayer of the Rosary in the Community
- “This Man is You”

IV. Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 14, 2025 @ 7:00 PM

- Opening prayer facilitator: Terry Hamrick
- Faith sharing facilitator: Terry Hamrick

V. Pastoral Comments:

- Father Mike discussed needs for focus on engaging families.

VI. Conclusion:

- Closing Prayer: Father Mike
- Adjourn: Chandra