

SAINT BERNADETTE PASTORAL COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM MAY 15, 2025 MEETING

REVEREND JEFFREY S. NICOLAS has been appointed to serve as pastor of Saint Francis Xavier Church, Mount Washington and chaplain of Bethlehem High School, Bardstown. **REVEREND KIRBY B. RUST** will serve as pastor of Saint Bernadette Church. This appointment will coincide with the termination of his responsibilities at All Saints Church, Taylorsville and Saint Michael Church, Fairfield, and chaplain of Bethlehem High School, Bardstown. Fr. Rust will visit the parish on Wednesday, May 21. Fr. Jeff's last weekend at the parish will be June 28/29. He will preach all the Masses that weekend. Plans will be made for fellowship after each Mass. Plans are also underway for a special parish wide dinner for Fr. Jeff off campus.

Angela Kerr, Business Manager, presented the **2025-26 BALANCED BUDGET** that was approved by the Finance Council last month. Pastoral Council members will review the budget as it relates to the mission of the parish and school. The Pastoral Council will vote on the budget at the June 12 meeting.

There will be **TWO OPENINGS ON PASTORAL COUNCIL** beginning in July 2025. Lucy De La Vega, Patty Friedmann, Heather Overby, and Michelle Schofield will be rotating off. Pastoral Council members have invited eight parishioners to two pastoral council discernment meetings in May to possibly fill these vacancies.

DR. TREVOR TIMMERBERG, Principal, has accepted a new role as Assistant Superintendent of Catholic Schools within the Archdiocese of Louisville as of July 1. The Principal Search Committee has been established and working diligently to fill this position.

TINA LATULIPPE, Office Support Coordinator, announced her retirement as of July 16 after 29 years of service to the parish.

The Archdiocese has released the **STRATEGIC PLANNING PARISH SURVEY**. Staff are compiling the statistical information. The Pastoral Council is asked to complete the 3 questions related to the strengths and challenges of the parish. The Parish Survey is to be completed by August 31. Fr. Jeff's goal is to have a draft to present to Fr. Rust upon his arrival and then Fr. Rust will have time to review prior to the deadline.

NEXT MEETING: June 12, 2025 at 6:30pm

Submitted by 2024-25 Pastoral Council Members: Lucy De la Vega, Stacy Doyon, Patty Friedmann, Marcella Gongora, Dale Huddleston, Heather Overby, Libbie Peach, Frank Savinon, Michelle Schofield, Meghan Tinker