

Approved Lumen Christi Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes—April 14 , 2025

Present: Fr. Matthew Jacob, Fr. Michael Courchaine, James DeGuire, Jim Ott, Dan Van Housen, Pat Sheehey, Mary Tobin, Lisa Wright, Bob Meyers, Jon Van Drisse

Meeting began at 7:00 with a reading and reflection of the Gospel of John 20: 1-9

March Minutes Approval

Mary Tobin made a motion and Dan Van Housen gave a second to approve the March meeting minutes with no corrections.

Commission Updates

- Called and Gifted Workshop: May 12 and 19, 6-9pm
 - Meghan Turner and Catherins Zirngibl are facilitating
 - The major themes of this workshop are the individual gifts and each person to bring to the world
 - Charisms: ministry, music hospitality, healing praying
- Soup and Substance:
 - Steady attendance of 70-100 people per session
 - Notable speakers brought people from different parts of the city.
 - Constructive feedback- more interactive v. just speaking.
 - More people testifying about what they heard and sharing.
 - All presentations supported the theme of charisms.
- Finance Update:
 - Results from March are solid and the parish is on budget.
 - A strong finish to the year is anticipated.
 - Round 2 underway for planning for the 2026 budget
 - In May the budget will be presented to the Pastoral Council.
- Seminary Giving:
 - General announcement at weekend masses along with an outline of the campaign.
 - A video was sent in the parish email newsletter, Flock Notes, and commitment cards were available in each pew.

Pastoral Update

- Holy Week: Be present this week at masses, wear your name tags as we will have many guests at Lumen Christi.
- James DeGuire will help with the outdoor fire at the start of the Easter Vigil
- Alex Becker will be ordained as a Deacon on April 26. His first mass is April 27 at 11:00am. There will be hospitality after this Mass to celebrate with him. Please try to attend. Approximately 30 of his family and 4 priests are joining that day.

- More than 60 children are receiving First Communion during the first and third weekends of May at the 4:30 pm and 11am masses. Mother's Day weekend will be skipped. On Friday, May 9 confirmation will be celebrated with Archbishop Grob
- Pastoral Council membership and terms will be reviewed at the next meeting. Will need 1-2 more new members.
- September 20 is the date for the Parish Picnic.

Discussion Item: Lent and Easter Season

- Holy week: Many opportunities for participation and community building:
 - Archbishop Grob reception after the 4:30 Saturday of Palm Sunday weekend was well attended.
 - Positive comments about his sermon before the Passion. His reflection was about paying attention to the Passion- this is what we are all about.
 - Children's choir at this mass was a wonderful addition.
 - Receptions started at 5:45. There were still families in the hall when the Archbishop and his mother left.
 - Fr. Matthew was appreciative of the sense of community spirit in the hall. Tangible, positive effects of our goal to deepen connections with other families
 - Overall, he enjoyed his time at our parish.
- Deanery meeting comments from Bob:
 - Positive comments about our parish from who came to the reception. People want to find out more about the community that we are building.
 - Deanery looking for more transparency from the archdiocese
- Discussion about parishes clustering sacraments: eucharist and confirmation.
 - The Vatican recommends "age of discretion" around 7 years old
 - The US is different: high school v. grade school.
 - This is a divided issue that will be brought to the Archbishop.
 - Diocese of Phoenix: had a hard time keeping high school students engaged and coming back to church.
 - Jim Ott commented on the excellence of the children's mass with choir and participation.
 - Please provide any comments to Bob who will share them at the Deanery.

Closing: The meeting concluded at 8:02 pm and closed with vespers.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Wright