



Pastoral Council Regular Meeting May 20, 2025

Present: Fr. Matthew Jacob, Fr. Michael Courchaine, James DeGuire, Manny Martinez, Bob Meyers, Jim Ott, Doug Patch, Pat Sheehey, Mary Tobin, Jon VanDrisse, Dan Van Housen, Greg Von Roenn

Guest: Jane Bartlett

- **Upcoming Sunday Gospel Reading and Reflection:** The meeting began at 7:06 pm with a reading from the Gospel according to John, followed by reflections shared among the attendees.
- **April Minutes Approval:** A few minor corrections and updates were identified. James DeGuire made a motion and Manny Martinez seconded to approve the minutes as amended.
- **Presentation of the 2026 Budget:**
 - Jane Bartlett reviewed financials from the end of April and walked through the 2026 Budget.
 - Balance sheet and P&L doing well
 - As Love One Another funds are received quarterly from the archdiocese, funds will be used to pay off the building project Construction Loan.
- **DeGuire Family Eagle Scout Projects:** Sean and Will DeGuire are currently juniors at Homestead High School and are pursuing their Eagle Scout rank. A significant service project is required to attain that rank. Both Will and Sean have decided to do service projects that would benefit Lumen Christi – Sean will be building a new grotto for the Blessed Virgin and Will is building a bridge to access our area to the north. Both projects should be completed by end of May. Thank you Will and Sean!
- **Commission Report Discussion**
 - Parish Life Night was held last week, May 13. All Parish Committees met and a lengthy status update was published.
 - A consultant has been hired to assist in the roll-out of Realm Connect as our parish directory and scheduling tool. Some commissions, Music & Liturgy and Formation have begun using the tool, setting up groups, calendar events and scheduling.
- **Pastoral Updates**
 - Fr Matthew gave a brief update on the State of the Parish given we are at end of year, focusing on strengths and where the parish has opportunities for improvement. Some of these opportunities will be discussed at the October 11 Liturgy / Ministry Morning Meeting.
 - **Strengths:**
 - We are a Vibrant Community with inviting Liturgy and Sacramental programs
 - We have a successful and vibrant school
 - We have a large volunteer group – lots of Goodwill
 - We support Formation for all age groups
 - **Opportunities – where we could be**
 - Keep focused on supporting our Vision and Mission as we approach and prioritize events and programs



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- o Drive Vision deep in the pews... come early and greet one another, actively participate in Liturgy, ensure all ministry positions are filled at every mass on the weekend.
- o Develop Discipleship – broaden hospitality to a concept of Ministry and Witnessing
- o Tighten connection between Formation and the School Curriculum – seamless sacramental programs
- o **Pastoral Council Membership:** Flock Notes and Bulletin will contain invitation to join the Pastoral Council
- o **Parish Census Planning:** A Parish Census is being planned for the Fall
- o Deacon Alex Becker will be full-time at Lumen Christi this summer

Closing and Vespers: The meeting closed at approximately 8:26 PM with vespers.

Save The Date

September 20 – Parish Picnic

October 11 - Liturgy / Ministry Morning Meeting

Respectfully submitted by Mary Tobin