

St. Patrick Consolidated Parish Meeting

St. Patrick Consolidated Parish Meeting, Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall

Present members were as follows:

- *Pastoral Council*: Larry Huinker
- *Finance Council*: Nick Agne
- *Faith Formation Commission*: Rick Delagardelle, Robin Pospisil, Shirley Rosencrans
- *Liturgy Committee*: Geri Conley, Charlotte Scheckel, Lori Knuth
- *Parish Life*: Patty Delagardelle, Lavone Ludwig, Judy Dietiker, Carol Husmann
- *Social Justice Committee*: Darci Wagner, Jayson Wagner, Loretta Holzinger, Connie Gogel, Nancy Edwards
- *School Board*: Jeff Thomsen, Shannon Clark, Amber Sievers, Joe Corpstein, Amanda Ruggles
- *Staff*: Fr. Sean Smith, Amber Sievers, Jennifer Kelly, Diane Bradford, Terrie Prybil

Father Sean Welcomed everyone and opened with prayer

- Fr. Sean announced departed members on councils
 - Bob Gravel on Finance council
 - Kari Dearborn on Pastoral council
 - Mike Dearborn on School Board
- Fr. Sean announced new members
 - Larry Huinker: Parish Council (Chair)
 - Joe Corpstein: School Board
 - Amber Sievers: School Board
 - Thomas Steinlage: Faith Formation
- Darci Wagner
 - Mary Melcher joining us tonight from Jones County Migrant Inclusion Group
- Review of Minutes from April 2025 meeting
 - Minutes Approved: Lavonne Ludwig (1st), Rick Delagardelle (2nd)
- Review of Agenda and Agenda Approved
- *Journey in Faith Discussion (Fr. Sean)*
 - Mission, Vision, Goals for Archdiocese is Evangelization, Leadership and Pastoral Planning
 - New limits on what parish & pastors will be doing
 - 3 Masses per weekend - Priest
 - Canon Law- No more than 3 Masses on the weekends
 - How parishes are related to each other
 - Cluster - shared services
 - Linked clusters- pastor shared resources
 - Next summer- Pastorates - same pastor, every parish is

- a corporation
 - Board of Directors of the corporation
 - Summer of 2027 the pastorates will be merged
 - Parishes (corporation) will merge but not closing churches
 - Consolidating parishes- cut down on the back office, lot of working together to make things work
 - What happens when churches no longer have Mass?
 - Pastoral councils will have to figure out
 - Give people the opportunity to go to a church that will have attendance that will lift them up
 - We need to stop tying the church to a building and look at us as one Church
 - Journey in Faith Roll Out
 - July 2025: Archbishop met with Catholic Institute
 - Core planning team
 - What parishes should be together
 - Create a team to be a part of the process of rolling out the discussion
 - Sept. 2, 2025: Model options will be made public
 - Planning teams have seen these options
 - 3 hour meeting in Sept will talk everyone through the models
 - The models are based on the data
 - One of the 34 meetings will be Sept 18 here at St. Patrick, you will need to register to attend
 - October & November 2025: 205 hr Parish Meetings held to share feedback
 - Meetings at St. Patrick:
 - Sun. Oct 19th: 3:30 - 5:00 PM
 - Thurs. Nov 6th: 6:00 - 8:30 PM
 - End of November 2025: Parish planning team will give a response to the Archdiocese based on the feedback they received from the meetings
 - March 2026 (second week): Archdiocese will announce what the new assignments are. July 2026 it will take effect
 - Other JIF Thoughts
 - Almost all pastorates will have associate pastors.
 - Right now we have 67 pastors & 85 priests
 - 18 priests today that are associate pastors
 - Priests will rotate between parishes for Masses
 - Deacons will have the same assignment to the churches they are assigned to
 - Let's look at the possibilities of this journey
 - There are a lot of other archdiocese that have gone through this process
 - Visit <https://www.dbqjourneyinfaith.org/> for more information
- OSV Giving Program
 - Kicking off month of September
 - Sunday collection is what pays the bills
 - \$12,000 under budget- last year 2.6%
 - Had to take money out of savings to cover cost- we shouldn't have to do this
 - Looking back 3.5 years income has been steady-level , it is no different than it

was 6-7 years ago

- Letters are going to be sent out
- Preaching on the weekend of Sept 13 & 14, following weekend will be commitment weekend
- This is the time to continue building on the good things we have been doing.

● *Individual Council/Board Meetings - 4 Minute Recap:*

- Parish & Finance Council: No Report
- Faith Formation: Jennifer Kelly
 - Bought new curriculum- The Word of Life
 - Vacation Bible School this last summer
 - Summer Social Justice opportunity for our youth (6 grade and above)
 - Made bags out of T-shirts for the homeless
 - Laundry detergent for the food bank
 - Made a meal for Willis Daddy
 - Played bingo with the residents at Anamosa Care Center
 - Need assistance for classrooms Wed. nights
 - Mary's Meal Event
 - Great event / great turnout
 - Sponsor a couple a children we can raise fund for through the school
 - Pumpkinfest Booth
 - Need volunteers to help
 - *This Man Is You / She Shall Be Called Woman* will be starting back up this Fall
 - Catechetical Sunday is September 28th
 - Priesthood Sunday September 28th
 - Journey in Faith sign up is on the website
- School Board: Jeff Thomson
 - Back to School Night Thursday - PATs bought the food and Knights of Columbus is going to make it and serve it.
 - AC units fixed, school has fresh paint inside and out
 - Monday start back to school
 - *Walking with Jesus* is the theme for this year
- Liturgy: Geri Conley
 - Nothing until November 1st
- Parish Life: Patty Delagardelle
 - September:
 - Produce Table in Elevator Entrance

- Priesthood Sunday- Sept. 28
 - October: pumpkinfest & fall festival
 - November: Nothing
 - December:
 - Cookie exchange. Make cookies for Faith Formation
 - Game night- times? Euchre night?
 - Senior dinner
 - Other ideas
 - Spontaneous socials after Mass?
 - Hands on activities
 - Making pies,
 - Rolls
- Social Justice Committee: Darci Wagner
 - Budget for 2024-2025 was \$4500
 - \$1000 rent assistance
 - \$600 Gas Cards
 - \$650 donated Mary's Meal mission night
 - \$450 Jones County food pantry
 - \$300 Jones County safe and healthy youth coalition
 - \$300 NAMI
 - \$300 Bridge Haven
 - \$300 Sleep in heavenly peace
 - \$300 Catholic worker house
 - Back Pack
 - 4 total this summer and have a couple on hand
 - Mats
 - 10 per month
 - Take a little break over the summer
 - Marys Meal Mission Night
 - Great night
 - \$5700 that came in through cash and selling tshirts
 - 224 kids that get to eat for a year
 - Mary Melcher- Support the migrant population
 - What are the needs?
 - Health Care
 - ESL classes
 - Financial literacy
 - Citizenship
 - Starting with Health Care
 - Branching out in Jones County
 - Mobile van that comes to Monticello

Closing Prayer led by Rick Delagardelle

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall