

St. Francis of Assisi Pastorate Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, November 20, 2025 – 6:30 PM

St. Ignatius Church, Mount Horeb, Wisconsin

The St. Francis of Assisi Pastorate Parish Council met on Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at Saint Ignatius Church (lower level), Mount Horeb, Wisconsin. Note – Due to a conflict with Father's schedule this was a change from the original scheduled date / time of Wednesday, November 19th at 5:30 pm.

In attendance were Father Brian Dulli, Father Prabhakar Singareddy, Parish Council Members –Tory Meyer, Paul Murphy, Patty Powers, Audrey Rue, Jim Syse, and Jerry Zander. Nancy Parsley, Laura Tisch and Kevin Wall were unavailable.

Additional attendees included Parish Secretary Trustees Lynn Schlimgen – St. Bernadette and Chuck Misky – St. Ignatius; Marie Lins Director of Evangelization; Religious Ed Co-Coordinator Angie Sailing and Jennifer Stoddard and Stephanie McDermot, Parish Support Administrator.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Audrey Rue.

Father Dulli led the group in an opening prayer sharing the “Evangelical Catholicism and Being an Ambassador for Christ” by Francis J. Beckwith, March 1, 2013, published by The Catholic Thing.

The October meeting minutes were approved in motion by Jerry Zander and seconded by Jim Syse.

Jim Syse alerted the group to a recent SCAM email received regarding Father Brian needing funding for gift card purchases for Parish staff.

Results of the recent Secretary and Finance Trustee elections were shared with Lynn Schlimgen elected as Parish Secretary Trustee and Steve Hefty elected as Parish Finance Trustee. Votes were counted by Tory Meyer and Audrey Rue. Bishop Hying will send a confirmation letter to the Trustees with the positions to begin immediately. Recognition was given to Chuck Misky thanking him for his service as Parish Secretary Trustee for St. Ignatius Parish.

Father Dulli shared the letter from Bishop Hying, dated November 18th, 2025, regarding the Decree for the merger uniting Saint Bernadette Parish, a portion of Saint Isidore Parish and Saint Michael the Archangel Parish into Saint Francis of Assisi Parish. Additionally, Bishop Hying is appointing Father Dulli as Pastor and Father Prabhakar as Parochial Vicar. The installation Mass is scheduled for Sunday, December 14th at 1:00 p.m. at St. Ignatius in Mount Horeb. This letter will be shared at all Masses this weekend, in addition to posting on parish bulletin boards and in the bulletin.

Father Dulli met with the Bishops Leadership Team on November 6, 2025, regarding purchase of the property located at 605 East Main Street (adjacent to St. Ignatius) to replace the current rectory. This was approved by the Bishop on November 11, 2025. Additionally, as part of the Bishop's approval was the Capital Campaign fund raising (\$1,000,000) which is to include the proposed projects for all of the parishes within the Saint Francis of Assisi Pastorate. Phase One priority will be the purchase of the house in early 2026, (where the entire block will then be church property), Hollandale roof repairs and Ridgeway bell tower repairs. Phase Two will include various projects identified at the other parishes prioritized by need / safety concerns.

Father Dulli has reached out to individuals regarding the “Together for Christ” Capital Building Campaign. Invitations have been sent out for an informational meeting scheduled for December 1st to raise awareness of the campaign, generate interest and prepare for a direct future ask. There will be multiple levels of support – financial contributions, need additional information and prayer support. A campaign committee will be

developed to assist with fundraising efforts. Once two-thirds of the goal has been pledged (\$650,000) an in-person pew campaign will be held. Currently, Father has verbal commitments of \$200,000.

Father Dulli presented the finalized logo which the Council approved on a motion by Paul Murphy and seconded by Tory Meyer. The "Ambassadors of Christ" logo will begin to be used immediately.

Stephanie McDermot provided a demonstration on the Parish website as to how to access and the various resource links to maneuver through the different sites. New information to be included will be photos of the six parishes, Parish Council information including approved meeting minutes and Council representatives. The website goal is to have the information updated following the installation Mass on December 14, 2025.

Religious Ed Co-Coordinator Angie Sailing and Jennifer Stoddard provided updates. Angie Sailing shared updates on the Family of Faith program with guest speakers and attendance; the first Trunk or Treat success; Boxes of Hope program completed 76 boxes to be donated to local community children; Christmas Caroling scheduled for December 7th; Christmas Play scheduled for December 13th; Hosts for Totus Tuus summer program with dates to be approved. Jennifer Stoddard shared updates on the Youth Ministry programs including recent class visits from Father Brian; Father Brian and Father Prabhakar providing time for confessions and Confirmation date set for Saturday, May 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at St. Ignatius.

Marie Lins, Director of Evangelization provided an update on the Women's Advent event scheduled for Sunday, December 7th to be held at St. Patrick's in Hollandale with Kris Kraneburg, confirmed as guest speaker. The Go Make Disciples Rescue Team project has been completed. Regular meetings are being held with the OCIA candidates, with an additional candidate to join the group.

Jerry Zander inquired as to how Father Dulli's Amazing Parish Leadership training is going now that he is several months into the program. Father indicated it is going well with future initiatives to create a support team of 5-8 people and identify purpose / goals. Father continues to pray on how this will develop.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. to be held at Immaculate Conception in Barneveld.

Meeting concluded with a closing prayer.