

AGENDA
PASTORAL COUNCIL
QUEEN OF APOSTLES PARISH
September 4, 2025; 6:30-7:30 p.m. at St. Dennis Church

1. Opening Prayer.
2. Approve Minutes from August 7, 2025.
3. Father Michael – comments and reports (5 minutes).
4. Introduction of Joy Bauman (5 minutes intro; 5 minutes Q&A).
5. Directory update (Jeanne, Barb, Jean W., Jeremy, Aaron, Amy Jo) (5 minutes).
 - a. Do we want to split up and call members of QOAP?
5. Summer brainstorming idea return of ideas (15 minutes).
 - a. Where are we on the survey (Aaron)?
 - c. Refer to as QOAP more frequently.
 - d. New area is airport area (hang flyers?).
6. Ministry Fair. October 25-26 in conjunction with Fellowship. Can also use gathering space at St. D. Not the gym. Upper Parish Center taken. All okay at St. P. (10 minutes)
 - a. Jeanne to send email to all directors of ministries. What do we want it to say? (5 minutes).
10. Anything for next agenda (5 minutes).
11. Closing prayer and adjourn (5 minutes).
12. Next meeting date: October 2, 2025 at St. Dennis, 6:30 p.m. (6:00 ½ hour social).

QUEEN OF APOSTLES PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 8, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne Schommer, Jason Laufenberg, Barb Uselman, Janell Knutson, Rhonda Adams, Catherine Stewart, David Krause, Aaron Raulin, Barbara Byrne

GUESTS PRESENT:

STAFF MEMBER PRESENT: Fr Michael

OPENING PRAYER: Fr. Michael

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Approved - No edits

FR. MICHAEL COMMENTS:

- Cathedral Update meeting occurred with the bishop on 7/18
 - Currently working through phase 1 of a 2 phase construction plan.
 - Target completion of phase 1 is February 2026
 - Phase 1 includes interior updates, paint, flooring
 - Phase 2 includes Steeple, Parish Center, Mausoleum
 - Working with city of Madison for approvals
 - \$30M total requirement, \$18M raised currently
- VBS Update - The event was a great success, with 98 kids in attendance with 50+ youth staff and 20+ adult volunteers in support

COUNCIL UPDATES:

Ministries Update -

- We will plan to host a ministries fair after mass during late September or Early October, date TBD.
 - Event will take place at both church locations after all masses
 - Grow exposure and opportunity to participate in various parish ministries.
 - Goal to have representation for all ministries at both locations for the event
- Joy Baumann is the new director of pastoral care
 - 30+ years of experience working with St. Bernards in Middleton in similar roles
 - Will be introduced at upcoming masses at St. Peter and St. Dennis

Pictorial Directory

- Just over 300 families have signed up for the parish directory photo out of 3400+ families
 - Will work on communication through Matt Beisser for the school families
 - Target more opportunities for sign-up after masses by having people at tables at both locations to promote sign-ups
- We will look for more dates to sign up families for the directory

Summer Brainstorm Discussion

- Council discussed how we can better understand what we're doing well as a parish community and where we can improve. Discussed creating a survey that we could create to coincide with the Ministry fair.
 - Survey to cover Faith, family, community, estate planning/future support
 - Council member Aaron to draft survey questions to share at the September council meeting.
- Can we create a children's choir(s)?
- How can we improve welcoming/on-boarding for new members of the parish?
- 5:00PM mass was discussed - this will not change due to multiple studies on mass times and attendance

Fellowship

- Fellowship will change to 1x / month at each venue

Director presence

- To help promote familiarity with the directors within the QOAP community, the Directors will begin spending time (½ day/week to begin) at the St. Peter facility as part of their work schedule

Food Drive

River Food pantry update - Council Member Rhonda noted that the food pantry was well received within the River Food Pantry group, and that there have been questions from parishioners to increase the opportunities for food drives to benefit the River Food pantry.

Council Member Aaron noted some of the hurdles that arose during the lenten food drive, and that further communication w/ St. Vincent would be helpful to move this forward. Council Member Aaron is willing to support this group, but cannot take lead due to time constraints.

Need another council member to help move this forward, including communication w/ St. Vincent leadership

Misc.

Previous notes about parish council sizing were noted. After follow-up with Fr. Gary, no changes will be made to the current parish council and finance council structure.

Communication notes - Need to confirm that all meeting minutes are being made available online within the web site, with link noted in the bulletin.

Aaron to follow up w/ Jeremy to confirm where/how past meeting's minutes are being stored and presented.

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING:

Respectfully Submitted

Aaron Raulin