

# St Joseph Catholic Church

## Minutes of the Pastoral Council Meeting April 23, 2025

### Members in Attendance

Fr. Brian Eilers (Pastor)  
Fr. Joy Adimakkeel  
(Assoc)  
Michael Alexander (Pres)

Lorian Dusek  
Anna Damian  
Donna Hanus  
Matt Rice

Christina Robertson  
Samantha Shepard  
Taylor Schroll  
Leanne Southerland

### Members Absent

## Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm with an opening prayer led by Fr. Brian.

### **Reflections on Pastoral Council Listening Conversations**

*Desired Outcome: Provide feedback to Fr. Brian and the council about the experiences of our parishioners and guests at St. Joseph. Share key insights: good news, challenges, and movements of the Holy Spirit. Share parish experiences with the priest and understand parish dynamics.*

- Reflections from Walking with Purpose: women feel welcome, they like the increased activities promoted by St. Joseph's Church. They requested more evening events for those with work responsibilities during the day. Suggestions offered included a table with information about how to connect, along with a place for children to leave their artwork. Members suggested that children be encouraged to place their artwork in the offertory baskets.
- One member invited a colleague to attend Stations of the Cross; this was well received.
- Members reflected on their experience with the door-to-door ministry (e.g., praying with a resident who was struggling with drug addiction and another who was diagnosed with cancer).

### **Refining our Listening**

*Desired Outcome: Improve our pastoral listening approach*

Members asked for more than one minute before mass begins to have conversations with other parishioners, or to have more opportunity for interactions. Other thoughts included recruiting more individuals to listen and invite.

### **Parish and School Updates**

*Goal: Ensure the council is informed to listen effectively.*

Father Brian updated council members on the following activities:

- Liturgical ministry retreat
- Ministry leader summit
- Liturgical minister (Lexi Davis, start 8/1/25)
- Easter vigil included 11 baptisms
- All the liturgies were well attended
- ELC - now has 65 children with plans to open another baby room.
- Regarding finances - there was an increase noted after the offertory campaign.
- Significant number of individuals coming to confession before Easter

### **Nominations Committee**

*Goal: Progress toward 12 members by March 19th*

Nominations committee presented their recommendations for three additional PC members: Jen Norris, Dave Cochran, and Tim Michl. The council members unanimously agreed with their recommendations and Fr. Brian confirmed his concurrence. New members will be intentionally on-boarded by current members to welcome them and give them background on the council's activities.

### **Other**

*Goal: Fr. Brian hears Council opinions*

No additional information was shared.

### **Closing Prayer led by Mike Alexander**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

The next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Christina Robertson