

Pastoral Council Meeting  
October 9, 2025

**Attendees:**

- Egg Harbor:
  - o Father Tom, Deacon Kurt, Larry LePorte, Tom Polacek, Jan Liss, Mike Collom
- Zoom:
  - o Lori Carlson

**Opening Prayer:**

- Deacon Kurt opened the meeting with prayer

**Agenda:**

- Tom P made two three changes to the agenda: (1) deferred the technology discussion; (2) added endowment topic (3) added discussion of new member contacts

**Meeting minutes:**

- Reviewed minutes of August 6 meeting. Approved by consensus.

**Liaison Updates:**

Worship (Mike)

- Commission notes shared earlier via email
- Shared choir growth and Mass participation with summer choir, including successful anniversary Masses
- Working on next MSP schedule
- Working through a sound system and instrument assessment

Living Justice (Jan)

- Commission notes shared earlier via email
- Jan shared the desire to use the pastoral council to support the mission of community outreach, which included "First Fruits." This led to a discussion regarding overall priorities and budgeting.

Pastoral Council / Finance Council Priorities and Collaboration

- Tom P reinforced that Pastoral Council Operating Guidelines include parish planning in collaboration with the finance council
- Larry indicated the diocese has guidelines for both Pastoral Council and Finance Council; diocese also suggests joint meeting at least annually

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- Larry has proposed a joint finance/pastoral council meeting 12/10/25 to support
  - o Begin budget draft in January 2026
  - o Finish by April 2026 for submitting to the diocese
- Tom to solicit input from the four commissions

### Faith Formation (Lori)

- Good Entrust sessions
- Great Entrust alumni gathering
  - o Two from Sturgeon Bay shared experience with a men's group
- Starting to look at small advent groups
- A lot of topics came out of the Leadership Meeting earlier this year

### Parish Life (no rep)

- Tom P shared the list of priorities and reinforced the need for a liaison to PC from Parish Life.

### **Business Manager's Update (Larry)**

- Three months in, tracking at 98% of revenue, spent less than budgeted on personnel expense, over on liturgical due to 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. About \$15K In the black (net operating income) , tracking as planned
- Moved investment funds into facilities: two roofs (FC and EH Office)
- Introduced depreciation this year

### **Pastoral Council Activities**

- Parish directory
  - o Waiting on letters and review/approval of directory – Mike Trebotich
- Pastoral Council Membership
  - o Sheet handed out showing names and terms
  - o Looking for three new members, including one from Parish Life and two “at-large”
  - o Looking for membership lists and contact information of the chairpersons for all commissions and related groups and committees
- Parish Life
  - o Include sheet from Tom P
    - Elements include - Christ Child Society, Funeral Lunch Helpers, Council of Catholic Women (CCW), Sodalties, Knights of Columbus, Office Helpers, Stewardship

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- Jan suggested a welcome letter for new parishioners; Fr Tom added that he could also do a phone call
- Will ask Lorie to check the database for list of new members
- Will create form letter and talking points (Jan/Tom)
- Endowment
  - o Endowment started September 2017
    - 270 donors by end of 2023
    - Added only 2 since completion of One by One campaign
  - o Halfway to \$4M goal
  - o Reached \$2.067M
  - o Earmarked for Worship, Music Ministry and Liturgy

### **Other:**

- Discussed Sister Bay parking lot use for Fall Fest-closing it seems to be contrary to our Mission Planning community impact objective

### **Pastor's Update/Comments:**

- Anniversary follow-up – very successful.
- Mother Mary Catherine is inviting all Stella Maris Parishioners to an open house October 24 (Friday), 10:00 – 4:00. This is separate from the public Open House schedule for that weekend (10/25-10/26).

### **Next Meeting:**

- Pastoral Council – December 3, 2025, 4:00 PM
- Joint Meeting - December 10, 2025, 4:00 PM (confirm with Larry)

### **Closing Prayer:**

- Father led us in prayer

