

**St. Joseph the Worker**  
**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**  
**August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Attendance:** Fr. Joe Molloy, Debbie Shawgo, Rachel Green, Autumn Cattoor, Pat Kornfeld, Liz Reef, Jacob Siebert, Jennifer Trapani, Rob Flesher & Grace Ann Thomas

- **Opening prayer-** Rob Flesher
- **Review and approve June 2025 meeting minutes**
  - A motion was made to approve minutes- Rob Flesher
  - Seconded by Jennifer Trapani
  - All council members were in agreement to approve.
- **Fr Joe Updates:**
  - Campaign project updates- moving along slower than expected but surely.
    - The asbestos abatement is complete.
    - Kollross Hall:
      - Concrete is exposed- 2 month waiting period for the carpet.
      - All will be painted even the wall dividers.
    - Bathrooms to be started soon:
      - Anticipated to be a two-week project.
      - The end result will be increased accessibility.
    - Entrance:
      - Concrete has been poured.
      - Starting the overhang will determine what needs to be done.
      - For security purposes a breezeway entrance will be made before the entrance into the office area, (visitors will have to be allowed in the locked doors once approved for entrance to the building.
    - Kitchen:
      - Plans are being drawn up.
      - Stove will be replaced- old one to be sold (Knights of Columbus are interested).
    - Lighting & sound:
      - Lighting system panel is new.
        - The board is placed but the lighting canisters have not been replaced yet.
      - Sound is getting worked on currently.
    - Per Bruce Thompson the dirt pile that remains on church grounds is being saved for the use with the construction of the structure that will replace the garage.
  - Windows

- All windows in the small chapel had dry rot and will need to be replaced This will not be funded by the campaign.
  - Other windows in the church also need to be replaced.
    - This will not be funded by the campaign.
- Church Photo Directory
  - All the extra photography appointments created are filled.
- Mass attendance
  - 700 the weekend of August 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>.
  - Almost 300 in attendance at the 10:30 Mass.
- Evangelization
  - How can we always be working towards this goal?
  - What can we do more of?
  - Less of?
  - We are steady in the 600s for Mass attendance.
    - 700-800 would be better.
  - Ideas
    - 30-45 second social media informational and inspirational videos and post to social media.
    - “Get to know Fr Joe” videos
      - Find volunteers to assist with editing- Autumn?
      - Search for a film crew- bulletin announcement?
    - Google reviews for St Joseph the Worker.
      - Currently on 20 reviews.
      - Make a bulletin entry for parishioners to provide great reviews online and list what they love about our parish.
- **New Business**
  - **Net Retreat**
    - A few spaces left in January
    - Only able to have them on 3/27 or 3/29/26 and this is at the same time as the beginning of Chatham school district’s spring break
    - Bethany Szamocki described the program as:
      - Small group discussions
      - Personal testimonials
      - Games
      - Skits
      - We provide meals, housing for the missionaries
      - Multiple days or weekend retreats= more connection with the team and youth
      - On the weekends would kids stay here or go home and come back the next day?
      - What are dates set up for?
        - Fall 2026 dates available?
        - Secure Spring 2027?

- Autumn to check into these time periods for availability
- **Youth Masses**
  - Janice Anderson and Grace Stenke are working on setting this up.
  - Fellowship after the Mass preferred but not possible due to Kollross Hall construction.
  - Youth to be trained as altar servers and readers before the Youth Masses.
  - Fr Joe to meet with the youth and encourage them to start the Youth Masses as soon as possible.
- **Old Business**
  - **Mission speakers**
    - Lee Roessler/Joe Farris- Cost conversation regarding travel, hotel, transportation and cost of both services – is this feasible?
      - Free will offering for Joe.
      - Cost for Lee Roessler \$1700 per night.
      - Liz to do some rough estimates of the costs above to ensure feasibility of the cost of this event.
      - Engage other parishes to share the cost?
      - Weekend preferences based on other events on the calendar:
        - February 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>
        - February 28<sup>th</sup> & March 1<sup>st</sup>
        - February 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>
        - February 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>
      - 2027 mission with Fr Sichko?
  - **Logo design**
    - Five ideas submitted for review.
    - Rita Fuchs created the logo that won the majority votes.
      - Minor changes to be requested:
        - Space between St Joseph's head and the window
        - Change 'the Worker' font
        - Bold current font
        - Brown instead of Blue
    - If we like this with the changes, no need to utilize FIVERR.
    - Utilization of this logo for the sign.
  - **New Parish Council Members**
    - Pat to call new recruits this week to see if they are interested in joining us.
    - Rob has two other candidates in mind if needed.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 22, 2025 @ 5:30PM

Opening Prayer: Debbie Shawgo