

St. Joseph the Worker
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2025

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

Excused: Jacob Siebert

- **Opening prayer-** Debbie Shawgo
- **Review and approve August 2025 meeting minutes**
 - A motion was made to approve minutes- Rob Flesher.
 - Seconded by Rachel Green.
 - All council members were in agreement to approve.
- **Fr Joe Updates:**
 - Campaign project updates- Many delays but still slowly moving forward.
 - Front entrance concrete is complete.
 - Need the overhead and extension completed next.
 - Diocese approval needed for kitchen renovation.
 - Magnetic paint will be used on the walls (better for the walls).
 - Carpet is coming in soon- trace asbestos in the glue of the Faith Formation room carpets.
 - Asbestos abatement was an additional \$15,000-20,000 extra.
 - Campaign contributions continue to come in from parishioners.
 - Evangelization/Parish Vitality
 - Father Joe sent the council members "Why Sunday Matters" written series from the Irish Catholic Bishops Conference for consideration.
 - Should this be included in the bulletin, News You can Use, on the website or mailed to all parishioners?
 - Parish council members like the series very much and also suggested / discussed sending with all Faith Formation kids for parents and also email to parishioners.
 - All agreed mailing would be best to reach on parishioners. When should we mail them?- Any time.
 - Adult Education Opportunities
 - Pam Branham led a study group over the summer in July/August 2025.
 - Should we have one in the fall? During Lent?
 - Randy Cates to have a Bible/Scripture study after the first of the year (2026).
 - Do we need anything else?
 - Where would we have it? In the church since Kolross Hall might not be completed.

- It was mentioned that parishioners enjoyed Fr Joe's '101 Question series' and he was agreeable to do that again for 3-4 weeks.
 - Fr Alfred's "The Mass Series" was also mentioned as a possibility.
- Vocations
 - What can we do to enhance vocations?
 - Fr Zach Samples is a promoter of vocations for our diocese.
 - He is available to go and speak at parish Masses, Faith Formation classes or at Youth Group activities/groups.
 - Invitation to be sent to Fr Samples to inquire when he could promote vocations at St Joseph the Worker.
- Leaving Mass early
 - Why do some parishioners leave Mass early? Some leave during Communion, before the final Mass blessing, during the final song.
 - Should Father Joe address this via a bulletin reminder of when Mass is over?
 - Some feel last hymn is too long.
 - No action decided on at this time.
- **New Business**
 - **Parish Council updates**
 - Draft of 2026 meeting dates provided; Pat to send out an update to all members.
 - Potential new board members to attend the 10/27/25 meeting- Steve Foster and Tom Haase.
 - Also two additional interested parishioners willing to join to refill positions in 2026.
 - Officers for the next year discussed-
Pat Kornfeld willing to continue as President.
Debbie Shawgo willing to continue as Vice President.
Liz Reef willing to continue as secretary.
All members were in favor of these continuations.
- **Old Business**
 - **Net Retreat**
 - Bethany Szamocki responded to Autumn's list of questions:
 - Staying overnight- depends on the rules of the diocese and if we have available chaperones for the overnight.
 - We can decide if we want 1 or 2 days- More connection with 2 days.
 - They can start on a Friday or Saturday depending on what we want.
 - Scheduling- Current dates released are school calendar August 2025-May 2026; Unsure of the release of 2026-2027.

- **Lee Roessler & Joe Farris Mission**
 - Discussed cost to having them (travel & boarding) and agreed to continue to explore setting this up for youth and parishioners.
 - Saturday/Sunday vs Sunday/Monday events.
 - If Sunday- afternoon vs evening.
 - Lee suggests a meal before the event- will the kitchen be completed? Pizza would be easy.
 - Date options February 28th-March 1st 2026 vs April 18-19th 2027- Liz to inquire.
 - What is set up time prior to performances? Living Stations practice could occur in a different room.
- **Fr Jim Sichko Mission Update**
 - Flat fee (increased to \$3000) **OR** good will offering instead of both? He was agreeable to decrease the fee to \$1500 but still wants to collect the good will offering.
 - Mission would begin Sunday evening and conclude Tuesday night.
 - We would pay for hotel and airfare or travel (if he chose to drive from Lexington). He will pay for his own food.
 - A parishioner has offered to donate \$1,000 for this event.
 - Tentative date March 13-16th, 2027- Permission to secure granted.
- **Logo design**
 - Parishioner completed minor changes to the design as requested. Parishioner prefers to remain anonymous.
 - Minor changes to be requested.
 - All in favor and approved as our new logo.
 - Next steps- give the logo digital file to Ben and see if Ace can work with it for the sign.
 - The Council agrees to do something special for the parishioner that created the winning logo.
- **Evangelization**
 - More Google reviews have been made by parishioners.
 - Grace Ann suggested that we place a visitor's sign in station (Welcoming Podium) so that we can reach out to them the later and invite them back, share information about our parish.
 - How can we get people to come back to Mass?
 - Exploration of 'Get to know Fr Joe' videos- there is a parishioner that is Communication Director with video expertise for the school district that might be willing to assist.
- **Farewell party at November meeting for Rob and Jennifer who will be leaving the council.**

Next Meeting: Monday, October 27, 2025 @ 5:30PM

Opening Prayer: Rachel Green