



**Saint Gabriel Catholic Church
Pastoral Council
Thursday, June 10, 2025**

Attendance: Father James, Lisa Gorton, Clay Bigelow, Stephnie Cochran, Greg Johnson, Jim Haug, Nancy Wilson

Absent: John Ambe, Dan Boyce, Richard Purdy, Tom Tortoriello, Kathy Zehender

Meeting Venue: In-person, parish office meeting space

Opening Prayer: Father James led the opening prayer

February Meeting Minutes - Approved

Old Business:

Marian Rosary Month of May

- Held a successful Rosary exchange during the month of May and plan to do it again in October with improvements.
- Held a Procession after the Friday, May 31st weekday Mass.

Culture of Diversity at Pentecost

- Parishioners were encouraged to dress in clothing indicative of their heritage for Mass on Pentecost Sunday .
- Parishioners also volunteered to read the Prayers of the Faithful in their native language. Translations were printed for all the parishioners
- Greg Johnson noted that the energy level at the 9am Mass was up a few levels.

St. Gabriel T-Shirt

- Lisa informed the council members an online professional t-shirt company has been engaged and will be providing the t-shirts with the St, Gabriel logo pred on it. Parishioners will be able to choose between a blue or white T-shirt. The T-shirt company will be sending a prototype of each color, and they will be displayed at the Welcome table in the commons. The cost will be \$15 -\$17 per T-shirt depending upon size.
- During the weekend of October 4th & 5th we will celebrate St. Gabriel, all who have purchased a T-shirt will be encouraged to wear them to Mass and pictures will be taken of everyone.

Strategic Plan Status

- Nancy let everyone know the following concerning this final version of the strategic plan.
 - Office staff have not yet had a chance to review this version of the plan.
 - Photos still need to be added to the plan,
- Stephanie commented that she read the plan and that the SWOT was spot on.

Instagram Status

- Stephanie met with Carol, and all the research is complete concerning settings, mission, official launch. Still deciding how to let it grow. Need to be intentional with what and when to post.

Pastor Update – Father James:

Capital Campaign Status

- The Diocese gave the go ahead for moving ahead with meeting with the architects.
- In total as of June \$3,022,575 has been pledged.
- Year to date \$777,860 has been collected toward the 1.5 million needed to begin building the formation center.

Recognition of Retiring Pastoral Council Members

- Father James thanked all those who have served and are now retiring from the council.
 - Jim Haug for serving as Chair
 - Dan Boyce for serving as Vice Chair
 - Greg Johnson
- Father James announced that Nancy Wilson will serve as Chair for the coming year and up two years.

Music Ministry Position

- Father informed the council that two applications were submitted for the position and that Barbara Chandler will be contacting them for interviews.

Mass Kit Update

- The parish has collected \$7,120 for new Mass kits for serving Communion. The kits will be purchased in time to start using them at Sunday Masses in early September.

Faith Formation Updates – Lisa Gorton

Recap of 2024-25 Children and Youth Faith Formation Year

- 26 Children received First Communion.
- 18 Youth received Confirmation.
- 1 Order of Christian Initiation of Children (OCIC).
- In general, all Faith Formation classes went well-total of 90 families had children participate, not counting Children's Liturgy of the Word or VBS.
- Carole is in the process of seeking catechists for those who will not be returning or have moved up in grade levels.
- 41 children have registered for Vacation Bible School (VBS).
- Brought back Children's Liturgy of the Word for the 11 am Mass with remarkable success.

Adult Formation Recap of Programs

- 26 Children received First Communion.
- R&R Wednesdays - New Offering total of 44 parishioners participated
- Couples in Christ – New Offering total of 20 couples participated.
- WING had 41 participants.
- Fishermen had 12 participants.
- ROCK – Raising our Catholic Kids had 26 couples for First Communicants and 18 couples for Confirmandi participated.
- Lectionary Study averaged 15 attendees weekly.
- Friday Bible Study averaged 30 attendees weekly.
- Book Discussion Group averaged 8 attendees.
- Parish Mission – 2nd year with Deacon Art Miller, good attendance varied across the three evenings.
- Liturgical Ministry Retreat brought back for the first time after COVID, well attended.
- Healing Circle Bereavement Group offered in the Spring to nine bereaved.
- Baptism Classes – 14 children baptized. Godparents are now asked to attend class as well.
- Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)/Candidates for Full Reception or Confirmation.
 - No OCIA candidates this year but one in formation for next year.
 - Two received Full Reception into the Catholic Faith.

- One received Confirmation at the Easter Vigil
- Ten candidates are currently in formation with one additional candidate awaiting annulment from their spouse.

New Business:

- Tom Tortoriello let the group know that the boys who have been confirmed can join the Knights of Columbus Squires Program and that the St Gabriel council is reaching out to them.
- Lisa let the group know that the Parish Retreat has been moved to Saturday, September 6th.
- Father James took it upon himself to make visits to the elderly and homebound during Lent.
- Clay made the comment that it was time to change the building campaign thermometer to a redemption thermometer.

Closing Prayer/Blessing – Father James

Next Council Meeting: Thursday, September 25, Parish Office Meeting Room

Calendar Updates – Access the full St. Gabriel Monthly Calendar @ <https://www.saintgabriel.org/parish-calendar->

2025-26 Important Calendar Dates:

- Pastoral Council dates: 9/25, 11/20, 2/19 and 5/28
- Feast of the Assumption -9/ 15, 9 am Mass with Procession and 7 p.m. Mass (no procession)
- Children and Youth Faith Formation Parent Orientation -Sun. 8/ 24, 1 pm
- Annual Fundraiser: Joe Poh Memorial Golf Tournament- Fri. 9/19, 9 am
- Parish Retreat - 9/27, 9 am - Noon
- October- Month of the Rosary
- St. Gabriel Day: 10/5, 11 a.m. Mass with Picnic to follow
- No Mass for All Saints Day- not Holy Day of Obligation so Vigil and Sunday Masses for All Souls -Sat. and Sun, 11/1 & 2
- Feast of the Immaculate Conception -12/8, 9 am and 7 pm Masses
- Christmas Nativity and Concert-12/12, 7 pm
- Christmas Masses: Eve, 4, 6:30 and 10:30 pm and Day 10 am Feast of Mary, Queen of the Universe, 12/31, Vigil only 5:00 pm
- Wednesday, 2/18, 9 am and 7 pm Masses
- (Tentative) Mission, Sat. 2/28 10 am - Noon and Sun. 3/1, 6- 8 pm Palm Sunday, 3/28 and 29 Masses (note 11 am moved to 11:15 am) Holy Thursday, 4/2, 7 pm
- Good Friday, 4/3, 7 pm Easter Vigil, 4/4, 8 pm
- Easter Sunday, 4/5, 8 am, 10 am and Noon
- May- Month of Mary