

Tri-Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

November 18th, 2025

6:30-8:00PM

St. Joseph Parish Center

Minutes recorded by Maddy Miller

Attendance: Fr. Jim (P), Fr. Ryan (P), Sr. Janeth (P), Magali Barajas (P)

Trustees: Mary Henningfield (NP), Don Siehoff (P), Barb Bakshis (NP), Terri Newbury (P), Bob O'Neill (NP), John Gabaldo (NP)

Pastoral Council Members: Maddy Miller (P), Mackenzie Hewitt (NP), Megan Cash (P), Julie Mermal (P), Michelle Pederson (P), Janna Tichenor (P), Joe Dedick (NP), Holly Reesman (P), Laura Freeburn (P)

Guests: Colleen Schultz

Maddy Miller opened the meeting, prayer read by all, followed by spontaneous prayer by all.

Mission Statement read by all.

Approval of October minutes: Approved with no edits

Standing Committee Reports:

(Reminder to Liaisons to inform their committee secretaries to send the approved meeting minutes to each parish so they can post them on their websites.)

Liaisons need to report only significant information that needs feedback from the Council.

***Send your minutes to Secretary (Mackenzie) so they can be sent out and viewed by PC members prior to our meeting

Worship/Liturgy liaison Michelle Pederson:

- How can we have more history events in the Tri-Parish to try and prompt mass attendance
- Went over all of their masses
- Meeting with Arch to talk about safety in all of the parishes

Human Concerns liaison Holly Reesman:

- None

Evangelization and Formation Liaison Megan Cash:

- 175 boxes of joy were collected
- Preparing 2nd graders for reconciliation
- Confirmation retreat Dec 14th - confirmation March 22nd
- OCIA getting ready for the first rite
- Trying to develop the inquiry stage. Create a program for people who want to join the catholic faith during their session
- January meet with CC for adoration community and introduce to students as well as BCS
- Speaker to come into parish leadership change
- Parish mission Mar 15th - Topic is "healing"
- Slowing down to the speed of Joy for Christmas Joy

Stewardship/Parish Life liaison Julie Mermal:

- **Mission Objectives and Personal Pledges- Retreat Review:**
 - Watch email for sanctification from presentation
- Julie suggested forming a group for a committee for the summer transition of leadership

Burlington Catholic School Board of Directors liaison Maddy Miller:

- Enrollment 425. Having some tours for next year already.
- Color run went great. As of the meeting they were at \$47,500.
- Looking for St. Mary's Parish board members. Recently elected resigned.
- Going over their bylaws for school and athletics.
- Starting to work on a budget for next year. Discussing tuition increase for next school year.
- Discussed when to have an open house for next year. Many schools have open houses in October/November
- Boys and girls 8th grade volleyball team in semi finals
- Dad's club is going to start working on some projects.
- Parent listening session will be February 4th 2026.

Finance:

St. Charles liaison Laura Freeburn:

- Boiler being replaced and fixed
- Fall Festival over 100k this year
- Finance reports working with accountant

St. Joseph liaison Janna Tichenor:

- Replacing carpet in the church
- Working on security
- Casino Night Feb 14th

St. Mary liaison Joe Dedick:

- Stewardship at 23%
- Cash flow
- St. Mary's dinner at 45k

Hispanic Committee Report- Magali:

- Retreat for K5-6th
- Novena for Lady of Guadalupe
- Dec 11th paternal adoration after mass at 6:30pm
- Dec 12th @ 6:30 starting all festivities for Lady of Guadalupe. Mass at 8pm
- Dec 16th Las Posadas. Pinata each day, yay! Everyday until the 24th.
- Jan 6th-Roscas for Baby Jesus
- Whoever gets Baby Jesus has to make Tamales for everyone else on Feb 2nd
- Feb 14th fun night for kids - Andre Hall

Deanery Report (Michelle Pederson/Holly Reesman)

- Focused on Human Trafficking
- How can we get more students to attend catholic schooling
- Arch speaker regarding safe environment training
 - People don't want to do the class
 - Safe environment will be required for many more people
 - More classes available for people

Catholic Community Events: (including Hispanic Community events)

-December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

-February 8: Souper Bowl of Caring

-February 14: St. Joseph Casino Night

-March 7: St. Charles Spaghetti Dinner

-June 7: St. Joseph Chicken Dinner

Pastors' Comments -Fr. Jim:

- Mass of remembrance was a great experience and well attended.
- Evening of reflection. Wonderful potluck dinner with it.
- Precious blood will be returning around Christmas.
- Annual Meetings have gone well.
- Encounter Night - Maybe change it to a Sunday afternoon?
- Don was reelected to be St. Mary's Trustee's

- New Assignment - Working at the Arch as Vicar starting in June

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- **Event Requests:**
 - Souper Bowl of Caring: February 8th, 2026- APPROVED through email
 - St. Joseph Casino Night: February 14th, 2026- APPROVED through email
- Walk With One initiative: Colleen Schiltz
- Fruit of the national Eucristic revival.

Voice of the People: (opportunity for parish member input)

- None
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Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 20th, 2025 St. Joseph Parish Center

Need volunteer for Closing Prayer: Julie Mermal

Closing Prayer: Holly Reesman

Meeting Adjourned: Maddy Miller