

Tri-Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2025

6:30-8:00PM

St. Joseph Parish Center

Minutes recorded by Mackenzie Hewitt

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

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

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

Guests: None

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

Mission Statement read by all.

May 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:

- No update

Human Concerns liaison Sue Laskowski –

- Have a concern about needing volunteers to assist with home visits for communion (within all 3 parishes), contact Fr. Ryan if you are interested in training. It's good for parishioners to know this is available for their family members. Very flexible to work with your schedule.

Evangelization and Formation Liaison Megan Cash:

- REP-: We've set our calendars for the next school year, so registration for programs and the calendars should be on the website soon,
- VBC- We're looking for two more adult volunteers. It runs August 4-8 in the mornings at St. Joseph. Registration forms are in all the churches. There is a limit for campers this year to make sure everyone has a quality experience.
- OCIA: Mystagogy did not go well this year because everyone's schedules conflicted. Ellie mentioned that mystagogy is only needed for those being baptized at the Vigil, so Colleen only needs to focus on those situations for Mystagogy. The Corpus Christi reception is still planned for after the 10:30 am mass at St. Mary on June 22
- Hispanic Ministry: Pentecost included 5 Confirmations so it is great for the community to participate.
- Adoration schedule:
 - July 31: St. Charles, Fr. Ryan 7:00-8:00PM: Holy Hour for Hope.
 - September TBD: for teachers and students.
 - October 16: Adoration for All Tall & Small 7:00-8:00PM
 - November TBD: Fr Jim will preside at an All Souls Adoration
 - December: December 11 7pm to Friday December 12 by 7am. 12 hours of Adoration for Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Small Group Formation: July 27 outdoor mass: There will be a Survey to gauge interest and determine good meeting times for small groups.
- Bible series: Fr. Ryan. 4 Wednesdays from August 8th -August 27: Read through "Dei Verbum"
- Young Adult Ministry: discussion on bulletin announcements from St. Francis
- "Walk With One": flyer was developed for this evangelization initiative. It would work best as an insert during a weekend when the homilies speak towards evangelization and encourage parishioners to read the bulletin insert for more directions on how to walk with someone in faith, taking steps closer to Jesus. Coordination with both Fr Jim and Fr Ryan is necessary
- Catholic Social Teaching: Fr Ryan shared the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching. There are short videos available. We discussed how to promote this and like Fr Ryan's idea of a gathering for Pope Leo's 70th birthday on Sunday September 14. We need to decide on a location and time
- Lenten Mission - Potential dates March 15-17
- Walk With One: talked about how we can bring people in from outside our parishes, trying to incorporate more

Stewardship/Parish Life liaison Julie Mermal:

- RSVPs for the retreat were due June 6th, let Julie know if you can make it or not if you have not already RVSPed

Burlington Catholic School Board of Directors liaison Maddy Miller:

- Enrollment is 416 and 80 choice students
- Third grade will be 3 sections. Won't have an extra room for music and art

- Budget is tight over the summer but should be ok once income starts coming back in August.
- Having a calendar year staff meeting June 17th

Finance:

St. Charles liaison Jen Reesman:

- Finalized budget, parking lot has been re-stripped, talking about B&G, windows leaking in teacher's lounge, Barb Bakshis has been reinstated as trustee

St. Joseph liaison Janna Tichenor:

- Finalized budget, yearly budget is coming out as projected, Chicken Dinner: successful event

St. Mary liaison Peggy Wettengal:

- Budget was sent in, stewardship/offertory report: 83% of the year, talked about festival attendance could have been more, made about \$44,500, talked about church renovation (July 21st)

Hispanic Committee Report: Fr. Ryan:

- Fathers Day gathering didn't happen, looking to do an end of summer celebration, Lady of Guadalupe, December 12th, want to do a morning and evening celebration
- Corpus Christi this Sunday

Deanery Report (Michelle Pederson/Peggy Wettengal)

- No report

Catholic Community Events: (including Hispanic Community events)

-July 27th: Outdoor mass, luncheon provided by the Knights, 10am

-September 27th-28th: St. Charles Fall Festival

Old Business:

- **Parish Directory Update (Peggy):**
 - The directories shipped today and supposed to arrive on Thursday
 - Wondering what if someone didn't get their picture taken but they want a book (they don't have extras)
- **Fundraising Scheduling Ideas:** Maddy Miller

- St. Mary Parish Festival: aware of the new procedure of event scheduling, trying to come up with a date for next year 2026, trying for October 10th (TBD), looking for a new chair person, discussed the financial issues of waiting until 2026

New Business:

- **Event Requests**
 - Hoops Mania
 - St. Mary Fish Fry 2026: Feb 27, Mar 13, Mar 27
- **Election of Officers**
 - Chair (Current Maddy Miller)
 - Janna nominated Maddy, Megan Second, Maddy Accepted
 - Maddy reelected as Chair
 - Vice-Chair (Current Sue Laskowski)
 - Mary nominated Janna, Julie Second, Janna Accepted
 - Secretary (Current Mackenzie Hewitt)
 - Maddy nominated Mackenzie, Megan Second, Mackenzie Accepted
- **Assignment of Committee Liaisons**
 - Prayer and worship (Michelle)- Michelle reassigned
 - Human concerns (Sue)- Holly Reesman assigned
 - Evangelization (Megan)- Megan reassigned
 - Stewardship (Julie)- Julie reassigned
 - St Charles (Jen)- Laura Freeburn assigned
 - St. Joseph (Janna)- Janna reassigned
 - St. Mary (Peggy)- Joe Dedick assigned
 - BCS (Maddy)- Maddy reassigned
- **Deanery volunteer**
 - Current Peggy Wettengal- new volunteer: Holly Reesman

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

- Sue: a parishioner asked about the Love One Another sheet that went out: where did the money come from? Campaign money from the Archdiocese
- Bulletin board in St. Joe: potential auction ideas (for VBS for example), a parishioner is feeling overwhelmed that we are asking for donations. It is just trying to cut the cost of these events or trying to raise money for the parish. A lot of people want to donate but don't know what to give so the bulletin board can help with direction.
- QR code: discussed with Julie
- Planning for the retreat, RSVP was June 6th, Bennett Lake, any questions or dietary needs, send to Julie. Retreat dates are August 22nd and 23rd

Pastors' Comments -Fr. Jim:

- Thanks to Peggy, Sue, and Jen for joining the council, thanks to the new members for joining

- Pastoral staff met today: planned their yearly calendar, CC rep was present, trying to coordinate with the parishes and schools.
 - There are lots of formation, evangelization, and outreach to the community that happens within our Tri-parish
 - Parish staff: lots of stable staff and faith-filled staff members, shout out to the staff members and their dedication
 - Kelsey will be coming back on Thursdays, Barb Lois is retiring
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Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 19th, 2025 St. Joseph Parish Center

ACTION ITEM: Mackenzie contact Tami: ask if we can meet at St. Joseph for the remainder of the year

Need volunteer for Closing Prayer: Laura Freeburn

Closing Prayer: Janna Tichenor

Meeting Adjourned: Maddy Miller