

9/30/2025 Parish/Pastoral Council

Attendees: Fr. Brian Wideman, Mary Koslowski, Jen Whaley, Charlie Mares, Keith Gilbertson, Michael Burr, Barbara Bodenhagen, Tom Klinkhammer

#1 Open with prayer: Kerygma prayer.

#2: Review and Approval of last months minutes. Approved

#3: Peter Ince

#4 : Peter Ince is here to discuss Meal pack events. Meal packs brought for display. Hand outs distributed for the 2026 Meal Pack. This will be the 5th Meal Pack event that our Parish Council will be involved with. Co-sponsored with all 5 parishes. There are around 12 people on the committee from the 5 parishes. Next committee meeting is at the St. Margaret Mary gym on October 10th at 1:30. Proposed date of the event is on April 25, 2026 at St. Margaret Mary school gym. Event is working with Rise Against Hunger. Rise Against Hunger Meal pack event video was shown. Goal would be to pack 50,000 meals and \$16,000 in donations with \$4,568.07 left from last year. There is the request that Parish Council approve this plan and it was unanimously approved.

#5: Father discussed that pastoral planning should come from this council.

3 important questions that we should be asking:

1) What are we?

2) Why do we exist?

3) How do we exist?

Father provided us with a flowsheet which runs from the Holy Trinity through Salvation History (Creation, Fall, Covenants, Incarnation/Paschal Mystery, and The Church) with the goal of heaven. The purpose and mission come from Christ. The following 2 pages goes over the means by which the Church has been "Called out" by God toward God and "Called out" by God into the world. Next Father reviewed the Instruction: "The pastoral conversion of the Parish community in the service of the evangelizing mission of the Church" Congregation of the Clergy, 20.07.2020.

Father then discussed Lumen Gentium (Dogmatic Constitution of the Church) which was handed out for future reading and discussion.

#6: 1-2 year roll out plan to “overhaul” the confirmation program (HS RE). There has been some discussion with Victor and Tina in terms of where we are and where we are going.

This year will be a bit of a transition year. The big change is that the 3 year program is viewed not as a completion of a program but rather more as a way of living. What are the responsibilities that Catholics are obligated to fulfill, but then also how does a Catholic approach certain life challenges and experiences. Over the 3 years, there is some goal that some sort of progress is made in terms of understanding their faith and role as disciples. Developing a more mature understanding of being Catholic. There is also some discussion in terms of how the parochial school kids will go through this program and how the faith formation program is run for public school kids.

#7: Emergency Response Plan

Starting Porters of St. Joseph.

It is not clear that we have an emergency response plan for certain emergencies but there has been some training over time and the ushers may have more information about this.

There has been some discussion about how much security should be published to the community – pros and cons. Proposal made to release high level information but not specific details.

#8 Parish Wish List for the bulletin? Generally, this was felt to be a good idea. Might be a good thing to put in the bulletin in December.

#9 5:00 Mass – Not much discussion. (? Agenda item could be moved to next meeting?)

#10 Cemetery Services – There is a children’s cemetery area for which there will be a Blessing for on 10/25th at 9AM.

Cemetery Services:

11/5 at 4:15 St. Margaret

11/6 at 4:15 St. Patrick Cemetery

For all Saints Day weekend (the weekend of 11/1 and 11/2), there will be a special service on Sat (11/1) at 6:15PM for those that have lost a family member in the last year. The Parish will still do the reading of the names during all Masses this weekend but may only hand out candles during the special 6:15PM service.

#11: There was some discussion about whether to have first communion mass as a separate Mass verses during a “regular” Mass.

New school addition will be completed with kids to move in next week.

Next meeting will be 10/28 at 7PM.

#12 Closing Prayer.