

St. James Pastoral Council Minutes

March 11, 2025

Members Present: Fr. John Hemsing, Scott Granicki, Hayde Becker, George Fox, Dennis Lentz, Dan Sawyer, Jim Salmo, Charles Demge, Liz Pierce, Sharon Young

Not present: Cheryl Romauld, Rick Schaefer

Topic	Follow-up
Call to Order 7:01 PM STJ Great Room Sharon offered the opening prayer and reflection	
Approval of the February 11th, 2025 PC Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes were distributed both in the meeting and prior to the meeting. A correction of Dennis offering the opening prayer was made.. Dan made a motion to approve, and Jim seconded the motion. With all in favor the minutes were approved.	
Commission Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">Human Concerns – Dan – No meeting this last month. Human Trafficking has had problems trying to get any response from Menomonee Falls schools. St James human trafficking funds were transferred to Good Shepherd. Four proposed pieces of legislation are being resubmitted. One includes provisions that any victim who is under 18 would not be criminally charged. While another imposes a \$5,000 surcharge for persons soliciting or patronizing prostitutes.Prayer and Worship – Dennis – We are still in need of a youth minister. We a strong candidate for the Director of Liturgy position. If they accept, they could start as soon as Holy Week. It was asked if for each Fellowship weekend and an announcement could be made recognizing the host group. Holy Week plans have been finalized. Ushers reported a need for more ushers at the 8:15 AM mass. Confirmation is set for May 18th at 2:00 P.M.Stewardship – Liz – 95 Welcome Wagon cards were issued to Menomonee Falls, Pewaukee, and Sussex homes. 18 new families were signed up in the past month. New families will be invited to the March 16th KofC pancake breakfast. A lot of discussion has taken place regarding the STJ website. We are looking to upgrade the current layout making it welcoming, user friendly and easy to navigate. Fellowship Sunday will be April 5th/6th hosted by Art & Environment. Two “Emmaus 90” groups are active - one Friday morning and one on Sunday.Christian Formation – Father– First Communion will be the two Sundays after Easter. Confirmation will be in May and Father is offering Reconciliation to all Confirmands prior. This Sunday Father will have mass with the youth in the evening.Finance – Chuck – Preliminary numbers for February are showing envelope and offertory receipts are tending up. We have \$90K on the line of credit and we will be making another payment of \$400 interest and \$3,000 principal this week. All vendors involved with the water main project have been paid. We received another distribution from the LOAC for \$36,000. The current balance in the LOAC fund is \$111K. Overall status of the LOAC - we are half	

<p>way through and payments to the campaign are on track to meet the full amount pledged. Current Stewardship pledges are 453 totaling \$756K, up 5% over last year. Additionally, we continue receive payments from families that have not formally pledged, but continue to remit payments, for another \$350K annually. All performance reviews for staff have been completed. All but one of the replacement windows has been installed. One was damaged and will need to be replaced. Building and Grounds is working on getting quotes for updates to the audio system. The list of projects established by B&G will be presented at the April meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Knights of Columbus - Scott – The Knights will be serving the next pancake breakfast on Sunday 3/16. The Knights are sponsoring the Special Olympics, via a donation and volunteering to help at the National event which will be held this summer in Whitewater. They will have the usual Tootsie Roll and Life Savers for Life fundraisers again this year. Father indicated that Life Connections will be opening a third clinic in the Falls. 	<p>Finance to bring the list of open repairs to the next meeting.</p>
<p>Pastor's Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Director of Liturgy and Music – A great thanks to Barb Schulke, for her 32+ years of service. Her last day was February 28th. We have placed an ad for the position. Two people have applied. Interviews were conducted and an offer was extended to one of the candidates and was accepted. Mr. Bill Lieven officially starts April 1st. He is currently Director of Liturgy and Music at Christ King Parish in Wauwatosa. We welcome Bill and should expect there will be changes in the music and approach to liturgy under his leadership. ● Holy Week and Triduum – Per Father, this year we will follow the Roman Missal. ● Youth Minister – We had two people who applied. An offer was extended, but not accepted. We received another applicant. A zoom meeting interview will be conducted. We hope and pray this person will work out. ● Water Main Project – The new installation is complete. Now the old equipment (piping and holding tanks) must be removed. We are now off well water, and receive water from the village. Our first quarterly water bill was \$1,000+. ● St Francis De Sales Seminary – Due to the age of the seminary and increased number of seminarians, renovations and expansion of the campus is needed. The archdiocese has kicked off a capital campaign - Zeal for the Lord's House. We will have a campaign weekend on March 29th-30th. It will be "in pew" campaign with information placed in the pews and Fr. giving some background on the campus needs during the masses. The campaign will also be held in other archdiocese that utilize the St. Francis facilities. 	
<p>Open Discussion –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Deanery Meeting – Monday March 31st, starting at 6:30 PM. Hayde indicated they have enough volunteers to serve food at this time. An agenda and topics are still open for the meeting. 	
<p>April Meeting – Tuesday the 8th, 7:00 PM We closed the meeting praying a Hail Mary. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM</p>	