

St. James Pastoral Council Minutes

April 8, 2025

Members Present: Fr. John Hemsing, Scott Granicki, George Fox, Dennis Lentz, Dan Sawyer, Liz Pierce, Cheryl Romauld, Charles Demge, Rick Schaefer

Not present: Hayde Becker, Jim Salmo

Topic	Follow-up
<p>Call to Order 7:05 PM STJ Great Room</p> <p>Scott shared that Sharon Young has decided she can no longer fulfill her duties as a council member, and will no longer be joining us. We thank Sharon for her years of dedication and service to the council.</p> <p>George offered the opening prayer and reflection</p>	
<p>Approval of the Marc 11th, 2025 PC Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes were distributed both in the meeting and prior to the meeting. Fr, corrected the Holy Week and Tridium notes, indicating it was he and not Bill that decide we will follow the Roman Missal this year. Dan made a motion to approve the corrected minutes, and Dennis seconded the motion. With all in favor the minutes were approved.	
<p>Commission Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Human Concerns – Dan – 650 Living Lent brochures were printed and distributed. A reminder to return Rice Bowls by Easter will be in the bulletin. Dan noted that the Human Concern fellowship weekend on March 1/2 was lackluster, as the cake and celebration for Barb Schuelke overshadowed their presentation. Bob Shuelke stepped down as the leader of Human Concerns so the meeting was a bit chaotic. We will regroup in September. We reached out to SOS and Good Shephard to discuss any new ideas for Hunan Cincernns. SOS suggested holding two food collections a year. We are searching for new volunteers to take over the Giving Tree activities. After the May 6th meeting, Human Concerns will be off for the summer. Starting back up in September. Scott offered a connection to Family Connect which may provide opportunities to work with them or to support their needs.Prayer and Worship – Dennis – Willaim Lieven our new Director of Liturgy and Music started April 1st. Next meeting May 10th.Stewardship – Liz – Welcome Wagon cards were issued to Menomonee Falls, Pewaukee, and Sussex homes. Again, this month none were sent to Lannon and we need to investigate why not, since we see a lot of new construction in Lannon. Allie and Jim have been working on the parish website. The focus is to remove old documents and videos and make it easier to navigate. May 3/4 is Fellowship and Name Tag Sunday, hosted by Stewardship. June Fellowship is assigned to Parish Council. Liz attended a webinar on the Offertory. She noted we are doing many of the things that were presented. One focus was assuring your parish mission statement is communicated and known. STJ mission statement is “St. James is here to help all people experience meaning and purpose in life”. We agreed that the current mission statement is quite generic and that the parish council should develop a new more meaningful statement.	<p>Let Liz know which masses you can help with for June Fellowship</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Christian Formation – Cheryl – We continue to search for a youth minister, as the candidate under consideration was no longer interested. We have 101 participants in S.O.A.L, which finishes on May 2. First Communion will be April 26/27 and May 3/4. Confirmation is May 18th. After the first announcement Vacation Bible School already has 60 children registered. Last year the total was 130. 15 students from STJ, Good Shepherd and St. Agnes are going on the mission trip to Niagara Falls this summer the week of June 23-27. Emmaus 90 concludes the weekend after Easter. Two OCIA candidates will be received in the Catholic church via confirmation – one on Holy Saturday at STJ and the other at the cathedral on Pentecost. ● Finance – Chuck – Cash flow from February was reviewed today. Collections are down \$15K YOY, but are exceeding the amount we budgeted by \$33K. Offertory collections are up \$4K YOY and to budget. We ended the month with a cash balance of \$343K. \$86K short-term debt on our line of credit. We received a \$35K distribution to the LOAC and current balance in that account is \$111K. The Metro Sound project (improving the audio capabilities of our sound system) is expected to be completed by July 1, and will be drawn from the LOAC funds. In May we will be budgeting for next year. The final demo of the tanks, old fire pump and piping will be done the week of April 25th. The first quarterly water bill is expected in April. ● Knights of Columbus - Scott – We assisted Christian Formation with the Rosary session. In May we will usher at Holy Hill. The annual Tootsie Roll fundraiser drive is also in May. July includes sponsoring the Special Olympics, in Whitewater. Scott shared a flyer from another council in Waukesha, which had rented a theater and presented the film The Passion (subtitled). This was being offered as a possible opportunity for us. Father mentioned there was a movie coming out about Fr. McGibany the founder of the KofC. Suggesting we could present it here with popcorn and soda. To encourage membership in the Knights, they are offering the first year is free for new members: go to KOFC.org and use code FRMCGIBANY. 	<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"> ● Palm Sunday – We will have the blessing of the palms in the gathering space and process into to church. ● Holy Thursday – We have the washing of the feet. If PC members are willing to come up early, it will help urge others to do so. PC will not be involved in setting the alter this year. ● Good Friday – We will not have the Passion as performed in the past. ● Easter Vigil – Deacon Lance will prepare a fire outside. ● Youth Minister - We continue to work hard to fill this position. ● STJ Community Gardens – We are in need of someone to lead this activity, which provides fresh produce to the community. 	
<p>Open Discussion –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Deanery Meeting – Scott thanked Hyde for doing an excellent job as host. The big topic was how can parishes get 21- to 30-year-old back to the church. Those attending the installation were impressed with Archbishop Grob and his background. A set of questions will be submitted to Archbishop Grob, to learn more about what he thinks is needed in parishes. St. Dominics shared that it was doing so well they no longer need to “pass the basket”. Topics 	

<p>shared were focused on how can we make things better. The capital campaign for the seminary was also discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Council member terms – Two positions are ending their terms this year, and there are five that end in 2026. We should be looking for potential candidates to fill the two positions now. Scott mentioned that in the past we had a youth member on the council. ● Parish Calendar – Scott asked if there was a parish calendar which lists all events for the parish, as the Knights are looking for opportunities to raise more money and provide those funds to cover more needs. Fr. mentioned there is a calendar on the parish website. 	<p>Members are asked to seek out potential new members</p>
<p>May Meeting – Tuesday the 13th, 7:00 PM Father closed the meeting with a prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM</p>	