

St. James Pastoral Council Minutes

August 12th, 2025

Members Present: Fr. John Hemsing, Scott Granicki, Dennis Lentz, Dan Sawyer, Cheryl Romauld, Charles Demge, Rick Schaefer, Jim Salmo, Hayde Becker

Not present: George Fox

Topic	Follow-up
Call to Order 7:03 PM STJ Great Room Father John offered the opening prayer and reflection	
Approval of the May, 2025 PC Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes were not received in time for this meeting.	
Commission Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">Human Concerns – No notes recorded for this. Cheryl moved to this commission.Prayer and Worship – Dennis –Stewardship – Hayde –<ul style="list-style-type: none">September 6/7 – Prayer and WorshipWorking with Parrish staff to revamp websiteNew Parrish membersWelcome Wagon still ongoing – success unknown as potential members are not easily identified.Looking to schedule new member breakfastThought to have Advent 30 day prayer – after mass have cards and cookies....Teri and Laurie attended Stewardship forum and gained helpful knowledge for commission.Looking at revamping name from Stewardship to ??Arch has program /workshop for called and gifted servantsSt Mary's has a recycling program for religious cards, statues, pictures...Christian Formation – Hired Maggie Rielley as Youth CoordinatorFinance – Chuck/Rick – Budget was submitted but rejected by Arch – There were some errors that needed to be fixed and new budget is ready to be submitted. Looking at a \$30,000 surplus for 2025/2026 year. FC team is looking at moving funds for better return on investment with the Community fund. Looking to report Love One Another funds as to where the money was spent. Planning on lighting project for the church – looking at plan for paying for CF classes for online transaction.Knights of Columbus - Scott – nothing new to report	
Pastor's Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">Father Announced the hiring of Maggie Rielly as youth CoordinatorDiscussed the potential to move the meetings from the 2nd Tuesday or the month to the First Monday following the second Tuesday. This was we can	

<p>meet at 6:00 and then have better / current info from the Finance Council. Voted and accepted to move meeting to the Monday slot.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Green Space/ Garden –discussed the inability to find a group or person(s) to lead the greenspace garden at St James. Without a person to lead the project was void this year and we were unable to provide any fresh food to the SOS or any food pantry. ● Piano – discussed the project and how the money was raised (donated) to the Parrish. 	
<p>Open Discussion –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mission Statement – Liz shared feedback from a conference she attended, that mission statement should describe the parish values and how they identify. It should be short and concise, such that when asked you can easily recite it. She had sent out various mission statements of other churches in the Milwaukee area ahead of the meeting. St James current mission statement is - <i>St. James is a vibrant, welcoming, Catholic community, journeying towards the fullness of the kingdom of God, through worship, formation and service.</i> Cheryl had written three statements and shared the briefest one – <i>We are a welcoming Catholic community, walking with the apostle James, as we grow in our faith, love Christ with the gospel, and find purpose through worship, service and life-long formation.</i> Also discussed was the statement found on the front of each weekly bulletin (origin unknown) – <i>St James Parish is here to help all people experience meaning and purpose in life.</i> ● Council member terms – Liz shared we will have two vacancies in the fall, and there are five that end in 2026. Liz indicated that Lori Holmes is very interested and Ben Filzen, a lector, who has been invited and is very interested. 	<p>Send all statements to George to share before the August meeting. Pray over and review each statement, to prepare to finalize one at our next meeting</p>
<p>September Meeting – Monday the 15th, 6:00 PM Father closed the meeting with a prayer.</p>	