

SJB Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Date: Monday November 10th, 2025 - 6:30
Meeting location: Library / Zoom

Members present: Jerry Baltus, Dick Brisson, Becky Bub, Phil Coppersmith (Zoom), David Flood, Amy Geiser, Erin Gramza, Larry Menting, Don Mersberger, Josette Svitter, Kevin Widder, Fr. Subi Thomas, Lisa Schoneman (staff). Absent:

Welcome, call to order 6:30pm

1. Opening Prayer – Amy G.
2. 10/13/25 meeting minutes – Approved as submitted
3. Pastor's report – Fr Subi– There has been discussion among the county-wide priests to form a Catholic high school. A meeting with the Archdiocese is scheduled for December. Fr. does not think this is a good idea, because of the cost and other reasons that make it difficult. Fr. has been meeting with the Faith Formation parents and has received some positive feedback on the changes that have been implemented. They are encouraging parents to increase Church attendance and involvement in the FF process. There is much to do, but there are some good things happening. The combined classes with STA (once a month) and parents have been going well (2 so far).
4. Finance Council update – Jerry – The investment committee joined us at our last meeting. The performance of our Endowment funds has been good, and we are happy with the work our advisors at Riverstone are doing. We also looked at a comparison of tuition of parochial schools in the area, and we are not significantly higher or lower. We will make a decision on the rates for the 26-27 school year in the future.
5. Topics –
 - A. Vision Statement rollout at weekend Masses – The general feeling is that the presentation went well. Prayer cards including the Vision Statement were distributed to all in attendance.
 - B. December Common Meeting – The Dec 1st meeting will be skipped, but they will meet on January 5th 2026
 - C. December PC Meeting/Social – Dec 1st will be a shorter meeting (starting at 6:00) with a social gathering to follow
6. Committee Liaisons
 - A. APC Update – Phil (submitted in advance): We had the Deanery meeting October 18th at Blessed Trinity in Sheboygan Falls. David Flood also attended. The main focus of this meeting was to discuss the new structure of the Deanery/APC and topics to bring to the APC meeting.

These are the concerns to be presented to the archdiocese: Clarity on the correct procedure after the Lamb of God (Communion)--should parishioners stand or kneel? What can be done to enforce student dress at extracurricular activities. Bereavement- Offering support to the parishes during a funeral and the survivors of the lost loved ones. Questioning the presence of the Dean at Deanery meetings. Since this role is a parish priest, will it be difficult for deanery members to fully express themselves on certain topics. The Arch appointed the Deans, but this was done a week late of our meeting. Very Reverend Ryan Pruess, is the Dean rep for our Deanery.

B. School Advisory Committee – Dick B (submitted in advance): Principals report: 1. Amy is in the process of planning a Packer Party (fundraiser/social) for December 7th Packer-Bear game at 12:00. 2. Suzanne Rea (Counselor) now has a schedule for the lower grades. 3. Student participation/reading at Mass has been excellent. 4. Marketing: Discover Catholic Schools Week starts next week. 5. Home and School: a. Trunk or Treat was well attended. \$800 cleared which is about double last year (22 Trunks). b. Butter braids 11/17 thru 12/1. 6. Golf Outing is booked for 9/20/26 at Crystal Lake Golf Course

C. Faith Formation – Don M. (submitted in advance): There are a lot of events happening in our Young Adult Ministry - thanks to Lucia. 1. We have our Advent Family Dinner for Faith formation families on December 3rd. 2. High School Mission Trip Registration is open - we will be going to Waterloo, IA. So far we have 6 students registered, hoping for 16. 3. There is a Psalms study group meeting on Thursday mornings hosted by Charlie Mueller 4. SJB hosted the 1st Reconciliation speaker for the county at the end of October and had about 70 2nd graders here

D. Liturgy - Becky B. (submitted in advance): 1. Eucharistic minister Training to be held Saturday Nov. 15th at 8:30. 2. Father will be rotating Thanksgiving Day Mass between the two parishes. This year will be held at STA. 3. Liturgical Blessing will be the weekend of Nov. 29/30th. 4. The choirs are working hard to prepare for Advent & Christmas. This year we will have 10 children and 10 adults make up the joint choir for the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. The Brass Ensemble will be with us again for the 6:00 pm Mass and the Jubilation Choir will lead the music on Christmas Day.

E. Human Concerns – Giving tree update—Kayla Vanderkin has offered to help David with this outreach. There are 32 families (90 children, 245 presents). STA is taking 50 tags and the school is taking some tags as well, so the goal is achievable. The trees will be out with the give tags the weekend before Thanksgiving and will stay up until Sunday December 14th. Josette asked about forming a group to prepare (and maybe serve) the meal at the Sheboygan Warming Center.

F. Stewardship – Larry- Nothing to report

5. Open topics – The Green Bay Packer watching party/fund raiser is in the works for December 7th; The hand-rail for the steps leading to the parking lot is coming yet.

6. Closing prayer