Meeting Date & Time**: 9/21/26 at 7:00 PM**

Members Present: Fr. James, Vicki Berberich, Renae Smith, Jennifer Cakinberk, Paul Suarez, Kevin Laraia, Eric Rauch, Matt Smith, Anna Schweers

Not present: Deanna Sargent
Staff Member: Tom Primmer
Clergy: Fr. James
Staff Report: Misty Hade Principal of St. Lukes

Opening prayer & Scripture Reading/Reflection by: Jen C

Staff Report

- 404 students K-8th
  - Last year was 385
- In middle of building project
  - Have some challenges with the portable class rooms but working thru those issues
  - Challenges getting around in the building due to the construction
  - May be able to have occupancy in the new class rooms by Christmas 2026
  - Cafeteria kitchen to be ready by February 2027
- Ankeny Community School District has a special ed teacher at St. Lukes this instead of transporting the kids as in past years
- Most classrooms are at capacity for students
- Ellen Miller came and spoke to school about Mary's Meals
- Looking for any retired teachers or anyone who would like to sub, in need of subs all the time
  - Only need a 4 year degree to sub as a teacher
- Need volunteers for lunch as well. Time is roughly from 10:45 to 12:30

Jen approved meeting minutes from August, Ann 2nd the approval.

Old Business

- Parish Picnic Update- August 30th **Tom**
  - Had over 700 attend/meals served
    - Event went well overall. Any comments that it was good to have this event again.
  - Suggested to have a welcome tent/table in future for new parishioner's to connect with new people
- Campaign Update **Tom/Fr. James**
  - Education piece is coming out to all
  - Will be a letter mailed out to all from Father that will contain an amount requested to contribute.
  - October 10th & 11th, is kick off weekend. Will have a video shown at masses.
  - 5.875 million is total campaign amount to be raised.
  - Weekend of 10/24, will have an event for younger families. Pizza/Pino/Pledge night. Will have child care available.
    - Asked to include singles or young couples or have a separate event for this demographic.
- Town Hall meeting update **Tom**
  - Had 71 attend the session on 9/20

New Business

- Catholic Worker House October meal (Friday 10/23) **Jen**
  - Kevin has volunteered to help serve at 5:30
  - Need at least 3 volunteers to cook (Anna, Vicki, Matt, Kevin will cook)
  - Need to drop it off cooked food at Jen's house by 4:30

  - Save plastic containers to be used as 'to go' containers. Bring to church for Jen to pick up.
- Christmas Sponsorship **Ann**
  - Council in past has adopted a family
  - Ann will manage & will do the shopping
  - Ann will send out an email asking what each PC member would like to contribute
- Council Half Day Advent Retreat **Fr. James**
  - 11/21 9 to 11 am Mary's Place
- Suggested to have the "Pews to Pizza" movement (for younger Catholics) come to OLIH to talk about their group & how we can have something like that here.

What are we hearing from Parish?

- Need more prayer cards in the pews

Fr James Updates

- Priest fall workshop 9/28-10/3
- 11/7 & 8th is "exchange of pulpits" within our Deanery
- Evening with Fr. James, Who Am I Concert - 10/18/26, 6 pm
- March 2 & 3rd OLIH is hosting the **Midwest on Mission** conference.
  - Hosting approximately 700 to 800 people
  - PC members can attend but not mandatory.
  - Starts at Noon on 3/2.

Safety Committee

- Developed a comprehensive safety plan for entire church.
- Committee meets on 9/24 to continue with plan development.
- Need to work on training for incident that may arise during mass & how to move people to designated area.

Closing prayer led by Jen.
Next Meeting: Monday 10/26
Prayer led by: Kevin L

2026/2027 Meeting Dates and Staff reports

Date	Staff Report Given By
~~August 24, 2026~~	~~No staff report~~
~~September 21, 2026~~	~~Misty Hade – St. Lukes Principal~~
October 26, 2026	Laura Kutscher – Liturgy Director
November 23, 2026	Randy Henderson - Dir YM & Dir Faith Formation
December 21, 2026	Father will host at Rectory - No staff report scheduled
January 25, 2027	Matt Dougan – Finance Director
February 22, 2027	Kathy Bovee – Preschool Director
March 22,2027	Abby Henderson – Communications Director
April 26, 2027	Patty M - Adult Faith Formation Director
May 24, 2027	No staff report scheduled
June 2027	No meeting
July 2027	No meeting

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Name	Term STARTED	Term ENDS
Fr. James Ahenkora	2024	2030
Vicki Berberich (Chair)	January 2022	May 2028
Jennifer Cakinberk	July 2023	May 2029
Kevin Laraia	July 2026	May 2029
Eric Rauch	July 2026	May 2029
Deanna Sargent	July 2023	May 2029
Anna Schweers	July 2023	May 2029
Matt Smith	July 2026	May 2029
Renae Smith (Secretary)	January 2022	May 2028
Paul Suarez	July 2023	May 2029
Ann Wright (Vice-Chair)	January 2022	May 2028