

Meeting Date & Time: **4/28/25 at 6:00 PM – via Teams**

Members Present: Fr. James, Vicki Berberich, Renae Smith, Jennifer Cakinberk, Anna Schweers, Barb Ledvina, Paul Suarez, Ty Barten, Ann Wright, Ellyn Cottingham, Deanna Sargent, John Armstrong

Not present: none

Guest: Laura Kutcher

Opening prayer & Scripture Reading/Reflection by: Anna

- Approval of March meeting minutes, approved by Jen, second by John. **Renae**
- **Staff Update:** Laura Kutcher
 - Been very busy with lent & Easter preparations
 - Church continues to be in a state of change. Adjusting to the vision of Father James for all liturgical areas.
 - Laura has been updating handbooks as the changes occur to processes.
 - Changes occurring to how the Eucharistic Ministers will form during mass to distribute the precious body & the precious blood. Laura is working through all the changes that are occurring.
 - There are a good number of Ministers signed up for the various ministries but too many are not currently active. Need ministers to commit to being a Minister & to that commitment seriously.
 - Comment made to re-educate the parish about how to take communion. What to do & what not to do.
 - Will be making this information public. There are more meetings that will occur in the future.
 - Father envisions making statements at mass as the months progress.
- **Old Business**
 - **Wish List** **Deanna**
 - Vicki will send an update when she receives an it from Matt D.
 - **Council Retreat Take Aways** **All**
 - Very positive feedback
 - Suggested to have the retreat a couple of times of year
 - **Lent/Easter Follow up** **All**
 - Suggested to have a rehearsal for Easter Vigil next year. It is planned to have a rehearsal next year.
 - **Finance Committee Update** **Fr. James**
 - The communication is being finalized now
 - Father expects the information to be made available after the meeting on 4/30
 - Information will go to the website, in the email communication that comes out on Thursdays & a communication in the bulletin
 - Need to make the communication easy for people to read/comprehend
 - **Fundraiser Committee - Update** **Fr. James**
 - Group consists of: Anna & Maria Schweers, Dawn Martin & Matt D.
 - Had the first meeting of this group
 - Matt D. is in charge for immediate future
 - First project will be Pie sales in fall/Thanksgiving. St. Patrick parish in Council Bluffs will be assisting us to bring this together. Will be looking for volunteers for this fundraiser.
 - Next is to have a concert at OLIH by Father James. Hoping to get this together in 2025.
 - **May, June & July, no meeting** **Vicki**
 - Father James will be going to Ireland May 13th-24th
 - **Summerfest Parade Float (July 12th)** **Renae/Anna**
 - Getting this started right now
 - Will be setting up a meeting with group
 - Asked Randy to order 1000 frisbees. Asked him to advise on that cost & asked Tom Primmer to advise if donations are needed to help cover cost

• **New Business**

- July Catholic Worker House
 - Jen will communicate more information to the Council over the summer
 - Our date would be 7/25/25
- Annual Diocesan appeal message
 - Tom Primmer asked for volunteers to speak
 - Jen, Ann, & Vicki will speak

Jen

• **Father James Updates**

- Father James went to Catholic Worker House on Good Friday. He said he will go with PC when we serve in July.
- Financial situation has improved greatly in the past few months
- Amy Wall is back in the office
- Deacon Rich send off last week went well as he leaves for Georgia.
- Need to organize Father Jason send off at the end of June. Details to follow later.
- On August 25th PC meeting, meet at Rectory.

Fr. James

• **Feedback:** “What are you hearing?”

- Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday services were very well attended.
 - Suggested that a sign is needed on the West side of church to ask for cars to slow down
- The meeting closed with prayer led by Anna

All

Next Meeting: August 25th at 6 pm

Opening prayer lead by: Renae

2025 Meeting Dates and Staff reports

DATE	STAFF REPORT
April 28th, 2025	Laura Kutcher – Director of Liturgy
May 5 th , 2025	No Meeting
June 2025	No Meeting
July 2025	No Meeting
August 25th, 2025	Randy Henderson – Youth Ministry Director
September 22 th , 2025	Misty Hade – St. Lukes School
October 27 th , 2025	TBD
November 24 th , 2025	TBD
December 15 th , 2025	TBD

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Name	Term STARTED	Term ENDS
Fr. James Ahenkora	2024	2030
John Armstrong	July 2023	July 2026 or 2029
Ty Barten	January 2022	January 2028
Vicki Berberich (Chair)	January 2022	January 2028
Jennifer Cakinberk	July 2023	July 2026 or 2029
Ellyn Cottingham	July 2023	July 2026 or 2029
Barb Ledvina	July 2023	July 2026 or 2029

Deanna Sargent	July 2023	July 2026 or 2029
Anna Schweers	July 2023	July 2026 or 2029
Renaë Smith (Secretary)	January 2022	January 2028
Paul Suarez	July 2023	July 2026 or 2029
Ann Wright (Vice-Chair)	January 2022	January 2028