

Meeting Date & Time: **9/22/25 at 7:00 PM**

**Members Present:** Fr. James, Vicki Berberich, Renae Smith, Jennifer Cakinberk, Anna Schweers, Barb Ledvina, Ty Barten, Deanna Sargent,

**Staff Member:** Tom Primmer

**Clergy:** Father Ambrose

**Not present:** Paul Suarez, Ellyn Cottingham

**Guest:** Misty Hade – St. Lukes Principal

**Opening prayer & Scripture Reading/Reflection by:** Ann Wright

- Approval of April meeting minutes, approved by Anna, second by John.

**Renae**

- **Staff Update**

- **Misty Hade – St. Lukes Principal**

- Provided demographics for St. Lukes
    - Graduated 4<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> grade class in May
    - 386 total Students this fall
    - Working to create a capital campaign to add middle school classrooms
      - Have enough raised to start building the new classrooms
      - Cafeteria & offices will be added later
    - Started a new math curriculum this year
    - Only request of OLIH is to keep spreading the word about St. Lukes school
    - Limited volunteers currently but can always use more, contact Misty if interested.
      - Always in need of lunch volunteers, suggested to put an announcement in the bulletin.

- **Old Business**

- Fundraising committee October and November

**Fr. James/Anna**

- Pie sales pushed to 2026 due to time constraints
    - Father James concert, is still in the works. He is trying to get other priests from Ghana to contribute.
      - Planning for end of October for the concert
      - Suggested to serve beverages & sell tickets to the event
      - Future plan is to record the songs
    - Church has created yard signs for purchase by Parishioner's
      - Are available for purchase now, \$10

- Catholic Worker House Advent/2<sup>nd</sup> collection

**Fr. James/Council**

- Father will discuss with Tom & Matt to determine when to have this occur

- Cookies in November for Fire/Police need **volunteer to coordinate**

**Council**

- Ellen agreed to coordinate again this year

- Community ideas to volunteer please bring ideas

**Council**

- Would it be possible to have a group sing while ringing bells for Salvation Army
    - Vicky will contact St. Vincent DePaul Store; Ankeny Service Center; to find out options for volunteering.

- **Welcome Committee Update**

**All**

- Discussed how the process seemed to go during past weekend asking new members & visitors to stand.
    - Will continue this each month.

- **New Business**

- Looking ahead Pastoral Council Member

**Vicki**

- Discussion July 2026 end term, discern if you want to continue
    - Will pick up the conversation again in January

• **Father James Updates**

Fr. James

- Staff morale has gotten better over past few months
  - Staff development in October & planning a retreat in Spring 2026
- Father & Deacons will start to be more present in the community by walking in neighborhoods
  - Suggested to go to DMACC to sit outside or possibly inside to offer prayers
- Immigration: Bishops & priests will try to meet with Governor to create a bill to develop a path of citizenship for those who have been brought here as children & other legitimate circumstances.
- Suggested to have “change of pulpit” around the diocese.
  - “Deanery” to hold a Divine Mercy Sunday at OLIH in April, first Sunday after Easter. OLIH is NE Deanery.
- Father James & Ambrose will be going to a workshop Omaha from 9/27 to 10/2
- Will take funds from building fund to replace the controls for the heating/air conditioning system. The work is pending approval by the Diocese.
- Lighting is next to need repairs, will replace with LED lights. Capital campaign will be held to raise funds for this work.
- Baptismal font is under repair, plumber is working on the repairs currently. Granite restoration company will fix the granite & a caulking company will finish the caulking.
- New maintenance staff person has been hired. Sid Strauss started about 3 weeks ago.

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

All

- No new information this month
- The meeting closed with prayer led by Ann

**Next Meeting: October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm – Conference Room**

**Prayer lead by:** Paul Suarez

**2025/2026 Meeting Dates and Staff reports**

Date	Staff Report Given By
August 25, 2025	Randy Henderson - Dir YM & Dir Faith Formation Matt Dougan – Business Manager
September 22, 2025	Misty Hade – St. Lukes Principal
October 27, 2025	Laura Kutscher – Liturgy Director
November 24, 2025	Kathy Bovee – Preschool Director
December 22, 2025 Does this date need to move to 12/15?	No staff report scheduled
January 2026	Abby Henderson – Communications Director
February 2026	Matt D Business Manager/Makenna Dir Youth Ministry
March 2026	Tom Primmer
April 2026	Patty M
May 2026	No staff report scheduled
June 2026	No meeting
July 2026	No meeting

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Term STARTED</b>	<b>Term ENDS</b>
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
Renae Smith (Secretary)	January 2022	January 2028
Paul Suarez	July 2023	July 2026 or 2029
Ann Wright (Vice-Chair)	January 2022	January 2028

\*Not planning to return to PC in 2026