

St. Patrick's Catholic Church

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Sept. 2, 2025, 7:00pm

Present: Father Julius, Shannon Nye, Corey Hough, Max Kozeal, Lexi Cochran, Eric Busch, Geri Bjorling. Absent: David Kramer and Kari Kunze.

Opening prayer by Father

Approval of minutes: Motion by Corey to approve, second by Max – motion passed all Ayes

Regan Ausdemore (and her mom, Katie) had a presentation for a possible Advent project for our parish. Regan has started a “Personal Hygiene Closet” at Tri-Center JH. She is asking for donations for this project and says travel size personal care products are needed: deodorant, toothpaste and tooth brushes, shampoo, etc. She gave a great talk about the needs of the students. Everyone unanimously voted in favor of supporting Regan’s project!

Voting on positions for Pastoral Council: Father reiterated the responsibilities of the council and how we need to be aware of all things the church is involved in, how we run the church and how we relate to each other. New President: Corey Hough, New VP: David Kramer, Secretary: same (Geri Bjorling). Motion by Father to accept, Max seconded, all ayes.

Parish Picnic was a huge success! The amount of meat was perfect – great job David Kramer and Gary Ausdemore!! Many parishioners came and enjoyed it. Definitely want to do this again.

Safety and the shooting in MN. Commentary from the Diocese was read. (Safety Committee will have a meeting about this too. RaeShelle will let us know when it is so we can attend). What can we do to keep our children safe? Start locking doors? Assign people to lock doors and listen if someone arrives late for Mass? It was agreed that this seems like a good way to keep people safe. Shannon wants to start using only the east door to the RE building and have an adult stationed there to help guide children to their rooms and keep alert as to who comes and goes in the RE building. She will have a sign-up sheet for this.

Jubilee trip on the 21st at 4pm at Corpus Christi. There will be Adoration, Reconciliation, Mass and a lite meal of sandwiches, chips and cookies.

Priesthood Sunday Sept. 29. Hoping other previous pastors will be able to attend. Need people to bring food for the brunch. A sign-up sheet will be set up.

BACA presentation and chili cook off is all set up for Oct. 5th.

Faith Formation Update by Shannon:

- Need additional teachers, especially male teachers. Some of the teachers have complained about having to do the VIRTUS training, but it is required and non-negotiable. Video is very long.
- New Confirmation age has been decided but details need to be worked out before it is announced to everyone. Also, how do we keep our HS students involved if the age for Confirmation is lowered? Possible involve Wendy Lausen, who has great rapport with her students.
- Trunk or Treat scheduled for Oct. 26th.
- Hoo Doo float was a great success!

Closing prayer by Father.

Next meeting: 10-7-25

Submitted by Geri Bjorling