



Committee Mission – Guided by the Holy Spirit, we will do God’s Will by fulfilling our parish mission.

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**THE Baptist**  
CATHOLIC PARISH

# Pastoral Council

**February 13, 2025, 6:30 pm– 8:00 pm ~Narthex**

Attendees: Ken Brozowski, Joe Hickman, Maria Hanstedt, Lianne Jones, Diana Ball, Fr. Jim Lucas, Tom Komp, Jill Guernsey, Becky Bond, Dennis Vlasac, Aaron Kramer, Eric Nelson, Michelle Malone

Absentees  
Kathy Caelwaerts, Secretary

## Agenda Items

Topic	Presenter	Time allotted (range)
<input type="checkbox"/> Opening Prayer	Michelle	5 minutes
<input type="checkbox"/> Approve January Meeting Minutes: Tom K. motioned to approve and Ken B. seconded. Minutes approved.	All	5 minutes
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Parish Staff Updates, Faith Formation:</b> Terry Raupp sent Diana an email in January that he will step down from the lead role of FMSC. ACTION: Please let Diana know if you know of anyone who might want to do this and she will pass it on to Terry. He is willing to train/transfer all the information he has on this program.	Diana, Dennis	15 minutes
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Pastors Report:</b> Since the January 9 <sup>th</sup> all committee meeting, a lot has been happening. Fr. Jim compiled the data and sent it to the council. The combined data shows the priority.	Fr. Jim	15 minutes

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<p>'Welcome back Mass' was the top vote getter, and community outreach had the second most votes. The community beyond us is not supporting religious education, and the Bishop would like us to regain Sunday for faith. Fr. Jim added questions of why go to mass at the end of the page.</p> <p>Fr. Jim shared a strategy document with detailed actions for Goal 4, <b>Work on bringing back to mass</b>. The worship committee and staff developed what was put in the 5 boxes &amp; columns. There are 5 building blocks:</p> <p><b>1. Intercessory Prayer and Mass:</b> A prayer intention for people to return is now being said at each mass. The Parish Prayer chain will also have this prayer and all committees and the Prayer Ministry will also be asked to include the prayer in their meetings. Kayla will also include it in the Hallow Prayer intentions too.</p> <p><b>2. Education/Catechesis/Marketing:</b> Why do we go to mass? This is Part of the active member movement initiative. Dennis spoke about the 4-part Mass series in lent followed by <i>33 Days to Eucharistic Glory</i>, a book and study guide which will be done after Easter. He is looking for small group leaders to host these events. Fr. Jim also showed us the Eucharistic Mission book – that will be something for the future.</p> <p><b>Personal Invitation/Social media:</b> Kayla will do a video of 'why I go to mass'? Tips on how to invite people back to mass- (done using a google search), Evangelization workshop in February at St. Edward &amp; Isadore. This was something that fell right into our mission and we have several council members are attending at no cost.</p> <p><b>Special Events:</b> We would like to have a Parish Mission for over 3- 4 days. Lianne suggested adding "Science Tests Faith" event that Forerunners is doing.</p>		
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	<p>Actual 'bringing' people to mass: God's taxi squad. The Bishop doesn't want us to do it in the name of the diocese, so we would need to determine how we do this.</p> <p>Dennis talked about the 4-part mass series for Lent. It is coming from the diocese Evangelization and Discipleship mission team. They want this done during Lent. Lisa Christiansen spoke to Dennis at length to help form what it will look like. Fr Jim said YES and he is looking for small group leaders to lead this. Small group leaders can have it whenever and wherever they want during 4-5 weeks over lent. <b>ACTION:</b> Please let Dennis know if you are interested in leading a small group. We need more small group leaders. Keith is willing to do in-person or virtually.</p> <p>The advertisement for the Lent study will start in the bulletin this week – there is so much going on in the parish it is hard to get it in!</p>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Growing Forward: PMP- PMP 2025</b>  <b>Thematic Goal: Work on Bringing People Back to Mass</b></p>	Fr. Jim	20 minutes
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>What's Next?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diana will forward the January meeting minutes to all chairs,</li> <li>• Implementation of "Working on Bringing People Back to Mass"</li> <li>• Establish committee leads for the group of 14 interested parishioners, etc.</li> </ul> <p>33 days to Eucharistic Glory by Matthew Kelly and the bishop wants all parishes to do this after Easter. It is meaningful but easy to read. This is a book study and would be in people's homes and possibly at the church. This is a 7-week study</p> <p>Diana feels that each of us can utilize our gifts and lead a small group. This includes a video, a guide and discussion –it's a 4 week study in Lent and you can have it in your home. Dennis says it will likely take an</p>	All	20 minutes

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<p>hour. We could potentially do it in the church as an option and have it break out to small groups. Dennis is thinking about Tuesday evening or Sunday's in between masses. Dennis loves this initiative. He has the PDF file and he needs to get with Lisa to figure out what resources she has left.</p> <p>We will outreach to people thru social media and Dennis suggests that we invite people outside of our parish into our homes to participate (Evangelizing is not a scary thing) – invite others to participate! Reaching out beyond our walls are challenging for Catholics 😊</p> <p>Eric asked if we have a call list of prospects where he could get to know people and invite them. Becky noted that it could be part of the covenants where they said “I want to be involved”.</p> <p>Dennis noted there will be a sign up genius for these events. The diocese of GB is awesome, and staff and others want to help so we can do these things!</p> <p>Kayla will take the initiative of ‘why do I go to mass’? This letter on the back of the handout was sent to about 30 families who said they want to renew their desire to participate in the mass. There will also be a video from some staff of why they go to mass. Fr. Jim’s letter includes why he goes to Mass: It’s about believing, behaving, belonging and beyonding. What is your answer to ‘why do you go to mass’?</p> <p>Fr. Jim brought the book: <i>For the Life of the world, Invited to Eucharistic mission</i> . Fr. Jim will likely order about 100 books with the intention of giving this to staff, councils and the Eucharistic congress team. Catechists and mentors will also receive this book and follow up with an in-service. He would like to have it as a discussion item as part of our meetings.</p>		
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	<p>Fr. Jim needs to contact the 14 people on the list for further development of the bringing people back to mass and figure out what we should do to take it to the next step.</p> <p>Ken Noted the paper “Part V1- Five alive practices” has a great content for a one pager that relates directly to this initiative.</p> <p>Lianne asked if it made sense to have Tim Francis as the mission. Fr. Jim thought we could invite him for one night vs three nights as a mission. Fr. Tim Schilcox (Norbertine)- had been previously invited him to do a mission for 3 days on the Eucharist and he did a phenomenal job; this is what Fr. Jim had in mind. Jill noted that the Fathers in Merch also do that.</p> <p>We Need to determine when we could do the mission, a theme and where.</p> <p>Lianne will reach out to Tim Francis for <i>Science tests Faith</i> to see when he is available. He speaks to secular doubters and discusses the Eucharistic miracles, stigmata and other unexplained mysteries that are part of our faith. The event would be three days where you have him do the event each day and the CIA in Appleton have had him speak several times. We talked to him about possibly doing it in May, but Lianne needs to verify if May is good and which dates. The only cost is for his flight and he takes a free will offering and sells books. Eric noted that many years ago he was recommended a book to read by a nun and there is definitely something to it and it is important for people to hear these stories of the Eucharistic miracles.</p>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Committee updates? Resume committee visits to PC meeting?</p> <p><b>Lianne/Michelle</b> – Forerunners – The committee is leading the initiative for book studies, science tests faith and an upcoming Cathedral Book sale for lent.</p> <p><b>Worship</b> Committee– group is going thru a study guide of the roman missile for guides for mass. We need to evaluate how the seasons went and then work on executing</p>	All	5 minutes

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	<p>the liturgies – and working on marketing and mostly around the mass.</p> <p>Diana paused inviting the committees to the meetings, but what we had received from them on January 9<sup>th</sup> was a beautiful update from them. Tom noted that if we bring in people to our PC meeting, they can have more time to go deeper for us to get to know their committee and suggested we see who wants to come. Social concerns is growing and if there is a new initiative, they should get it to us.</p> <p>Ministry fair: Diana asked if we had any interest in pastoral council – not much, maybe one. Aaron will be the lead the way in updating our by-laws to update the structure and which committees are standing committees</p>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>March 23<sup>rd</sup> Hospitality sign up</b> – we are the early bird shift and Finance council will do the later time. Diana to forward the info to serve after 8:00 am mass. Lucy Watson came into the church thru RCIA and fr. Jim thinks she would be good.</p> <p>Our council mission is: Guided by the Holy Spirit, we will do God’s will by fulfilling our parish mission and keeping us on track. We give the pastor ‘counsel’, and we are not a big ‘doers’. Fr. Jim does like to listen to our counsel, and if we and people are supporting the mission. He wants to assure we are doing something with the plans we are forming. Joe likes that we have a mission and feels we are going towards it. Diana believes the Holy Spirit is guiding us... Becky noted the Bishop always says what is the “one thing” and do it and we will be going in the right direction. Lianne also feels that we are doing the best we can to get our committees aligned in doing our mission as well. Fr said we have a high-level action plan and now we need to accomplish it. It was too unwieldy to have 14 things to do and when we found ‘the one’ we need to do, all of a sudden there is a course on evangelization at the parish down the road and they are begging us to come! Our big focus is to bring people back to mass. Eric noted that we, the council, are a bit invisible – he would love to get up in front of</p>	All	5 minutes

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	<p>mass to explain what we are doing . Fr. Jim loves this idea. We want to share the messages of things we are doing and having the council be more visible.</p> <p>This is a great parish and Fr. Jim values the council. He does reach out for our input – it is beyond him and that helps him to lead by getting input from also ll of us . He senses we are all 'in'.</p> <p>Kayla could ado a 10 second clip of each of us of why we go to mass...</p>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Closing Prayer	Michelle	1 minute

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