

**Saint John the Baptist –
Pastoral Outreach Commission
March 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Date:	3/18/25	Recorder:	Jean Koslowski	Chair:	Marie Zimmerman
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Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present
Al (Louie) Fondevilla	X	Nilo Aliso	
Socchie Fondevilla		Marie Zimmerman	X
Mary Kohlhaas (Staff liaison)		Guest – Fr. Derek	X
Joni Metz	X		
Carolyn Brandt	X		
Cheryl Puffer	X		
Jean Koslowski	X		

Meeting Minutes for 3/18/2025

1. Opening Prayer: Fr. Derek
2. Approval of the Agenda. Agenda approved.
3. Pastoral Ministry Coordinator Update: Fr. Derek
 - a. **New Faith and Recovery** ministry started on Ash Wednesday (March 5). This “small group” ministry is to support people with addictions. It is led by Chris S and Joe W. It is open to non-Catholics. At some future time, this may consist of a 3-fold group, i.e., 1) CALIX (like AA), 2) Catholics in Recovery, and purity. This “mission” does not need to be vetted. (Fr. Paul decides if/when vetting is needed.) **Action item:** Discuss with Mary about this ministry having a Commission liaison assigned to it.
 - b. **Wounded Hearts** ministry: The requirement to attend other counseling before attending this ministry meeting is being eliminated so to open it up to more people. Name of ministry is changing to “**Healing Wounded Hearts**”.
 - c. **Prayer Shawl:** There has been one meeting so far. Seven people attended. Five to six more are interested as well as some from the Quilter’s Group.
 - d. **Anointing Mass:** 113 people were anointed on February 28 Anointing Mass.
 - e. **Quilting Ministry:** After the Anointing Mass, 21 quilts were given out to those interested.
 - f. **SJB Ministry Web site:** Mary K is going to be working with Joseph next week to update the web site.
 - g. **Additional E3 Checks:** SJB is reviewing its ministries to assess which ones may have vulnerable people attending the ministry. For those identified, the volunteers for the ministry will be required to have the E3 Checks completed (Virtus, Background Check, and Code of Conduct).

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4. Old Business:

- a. **Vetted Missions:** For two missions that need to be vetted, all required documents have been received. The Commission subgroup (Marie, Carolyn, and Nilo) plan to have the vetting completed by end of May. (Re-vetting occurs every three years.)
- b. **Eucharistic Ministry data in Curanotis:** A couple Commission members have started entering the Volunteer and Client data, that has been gathered so far, into Curanotis. There are still volunteers that need their E3 information reviewed and updated, as need be, before they will be contacted by Commission members to collect current Client information.
- c. **Pamphlet for Kidz Closet, Food Shelf, and St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP):** In prior meetings, there have been discussions about creating one pamphlet that has information about Kidz Closet, Food Shelf, and SVDP to give to those who come in for these ministries. (To share information across ministries.) However, after further discussion at this meeting, it was decided that SDVP should not be on this pamphlet (due to budget and customer base).
- d. Currently, **Kidz Closet** gives out an information card about **Food Shelf** availability. **Action Item:** Next time Joni volunteers at the Food Shelf, she will ask if the Food Shelf gives out a card about Kidz Closet.

5. New Business

- a. **Chairperson Share:** Marie asked all attendees to pray about this position. She will finish her term in June. Marie also shared a touching story that she received from Gwen, i.e., story about a high school boy who had overdosed, medical personnel thought he was going to die, a priest came and sat with the boy and prayed. The boy lived! Praised God!
- b. Group shared some of their Lenten activities.

6. Three items for PLC

- a. New Faith and Recovery ministry
- b. Healing Wounded Hearts
- c. Background checks for volunteers in ministries that serve vulnerable people

Closing prayer: Louie

Next Meeting: 4/22, 5/20, 6/10

Minutes approved by: Marie Zimmerman, POC Chair