

# Saint John the Baptist - Pastoral Leadership Council

## Monthly Meeting Agenda / Minutes

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday, September 16, 2025	<b>Time:</b>	8:00 pm
<b>Chair:</b>	Vicky Wicks - Present	<b>MAL:</b>	Molly Drown - Present
<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Michael Gonzalez -	<b>Recorder:</b>	Joseph - Present

Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present
Father Paul	X	ASC- John Z.	X	FC- Jill M.	X	WC- Michelle S.	X
Father Derek	X	PDC- Stephanie	X	PM&M- Joseph H.	X	SAC- Abby A.	X
Beth Robertson	X	D&M- Karl Z.	X	POC – Socchie F.	X		
		Dave Tucci		Jill Munsinger	X		

**Guest(s) & Purpose:**

### Agenda:

**The schedule for the evening is as follows:**

- 5:30 pm                Opening Prayers, Dinner
- 5:55 pm                Announcements
- 6:00 pm                Presentation
- 6:35 – 7:25 pm        Commissions – see discussion question below.
- 8:00 – 9:00 pm        Pastoral Leadership Council

Commission question: How are you doing in the wake of all the violence in Minnesota and around the world?

### **Call Meeting to Order – Opening Prayer – Fr. Paul**

1. Opening Comments ~ Vicky W.

### **Discipleship & Mission Commission- Karl Z.**

- Joe S. is connecting with local colleges and schools and updating them with SJB information.
- Butter braids are being sold now.
  - Source of funding for Family Formation
- Reviewed goals worksheet

### **Administrative Services Commission – John Z.**

- Most of the discussion was around securing preschool hallways.
  - Couple of plans discussed
  - Putting up a couple of walls and doors and extra security features
  - Possibility of doing this project with parishioners taking the lead
- Parking Lot completed
- Preschool playground project delayed, hoping to get done this fall
- Gym floor complete
- Control system in the school completed
- Retaining wall by Door 14 completed.
  - More to be done next spring on the east side of the stairs
- School door project (put on paused to focus resources on preschool hallway)

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- Recommended replacing the Chiller next year, working to make that happen now
  - Looking for bids now, hoping to have at least 3 back in a month and then plan is to select the company we will work with by December
- Goals reviewed
  - Chiller
  - Support School Safety

### Finance Commission – Jill M.

- Reviewed end of last year financials
  - Finished at a loss of \$47,000
- Talked about what we expect to see from safety projects
- Discussed Archdiocesan Capital Campaign “Lord Renew Your Church”
  - Looked at how well we did with our last campaign which will end right as the next one starts up, desire to avoid campaign burnout

### Parish Development Commission – Stephanie

- Discussed Capital Campaign
  - Looking ahead to Archdiocese Capital Campaign
    - Goal from the Archdiocese for us is just over \$3 Million
      - 60% comes back to our parish
- Grateful Hearts Growing Together coming up in October
  - 425 households responses are our goal
- Goal: School and Church collaboration
  - Fundraising needs
  - Tuition assistance
  - Want to have Principal Matt for a meeting to discuss this more

### Parish Marketing & Ministries Commission- Joseph H.

- Father Derek joined as a guest
- We lost several members from last year but have filled most of the openings. One person is tentative, but the others are locked in. Not all of them came tonight though
- After discussion we still need to elect a new commission chair and PLC representative
  - This is a goal for the October meeting
- CCW Update
  - They are looking to build their group back and are adding some new initiatives
- Discussion of PDC question from Mary May
  - Grateful Hearts Growing Together Campaign
    - To showcase all the parish ministries, should we order more guidebooks and directories or should we pull the list of ministries and make a separate handout?

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- After discussion, both options can work, but group consensus was that it would be easier to digest if it was a separate handout
- Year Goal
  - Make the meeting room spaces more beautiful

### Parish Outreach Commission – Socchie F.

- We have a new chair – Nilo A.
- We have 4 new potential members
  - 1 is discerning
- Molly came as a guest
- We have a new bag for Homebound Eucharistic Ministry
  - Inside is a corporal, cross, prayer guide, pyx, and pyx carrier, purificator, and candles
  - We will have Father Paul and Fr. Derek bless all 50 of our bags
- Morning of Healing
  - Positive response
  - Was not an anointing Mass, but just for healing of any sort
  - 70 people attended of all ages
  - Rename to: Morning of Healing Retreat
  - Andy's music was wonderful
  - Recommendation to be done twice a year
- World Mission Sunday is coming this October
  - Advertise our 3 Missions
  - Have world-wide cultural food

### School Advisory Commission- Abby A.

- 459 pre-8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 383 K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - 28 came from preschool
- 76 Preschool
  - Goal is 80
- 37 new families
  - 15 just have a kindergartener
  - 20 have a child in a higher grade
  - 2 are starting a child in kindergarten and higher grade
- Retention is down
  - 32 students transferred including, 11 students who moved
    - Others left for various other reasons
    - Year to year we are only down 1 student so not bad at all considering new principal
- Something new
  - Principal Matt is adding 'Mission Moment' to commission each month
    - Allowing students or alum to talk about their experience at SJB

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- Two SJB alums from Totino Grace came in today to give a testimony
  - “Teachers cared about them as a person. JOY mentality so important in their lives. JOY mentality really developed for her as she aged and it helped keep things in perspective. Good discipline and seeing what really matters.”
  - “I was a transfer student but really felt at home and loved at SJB.”
- FallFest – School will have an information table to remind parishioners that we have a school at SJB.
  - Also, reminder about Wines to Wishes and information for those that may want to have their students transfer in.
- School Marathon – weekend after FallFest. Please donate if you can

### **Worship Commission- Michelle S.**

- Placed one set of floor stickers in the church for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion
- We discussed the bulletin as a worship aid
  - Can we use more of the bulletin space? - Potentially
  - (at PLC from Father Paul, do we want to have large print worship aids?)
- New altar candles proposal was approved
- Security – This is a good time to ask for more ushers for Mass and to review training
- We want to get more angels in the sanctuary, but also like having them in the adoration chapel
  - Can we get more?
- Questions were raised about the contemporary group future
- Reading - Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy
- Follow through on standards of extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion on how they address children in their line

### **Leadership Report – Beth R.**

- See report
- FallFest – volunteer please
- All Saints party on October 29 – please sponsor a table
- New chairs for POC, PDC is Pete, WC is Cheryl, PMM is working on it, Abby is still for SAC

### **Pastor’s Report- Fr. Paul**

- Presbyteral Council today and we discussed deaneries. We are in deanery 12 with a bunch of the surrounding parishes. Possibility to shift our boundaries more south. What do you think? Who do we overlap the most with? I think St. Charles and St. Odilia's, but St. Odilia's is not in our deanery. St. Joseph in Lino Lakes and possibly St. Timothy in Blaine. Immaculate Conception – we had several of their students transfer this year at our school (Discussion about all this at PLC) It would be a great goal to be able to collaborate with these parishes more.

### **Additional Comments / Discussion**

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### **Closing Meeting – Vicky W.**

- Closing Comments
- Closing Prayer by Fr. Derek
- Adjourn

### **Next Meeting Date:**

October 21, 2025