

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

November 11, 2025

7:00pm – Fireside Room

Meeting Minutes

Attending: Fr. Jim, Elisabeth Johnston, Mark Tuttle, Jill Josey, Kyle Livingstone, Jim Wyzlic, John Brady, Denise Brady, Donna Delfavero

Excused: Sherry Szymanski, Deb Beaman, Joe Bertrand

Opening Prayer: Elisabeth Johnston

Review & Approval of Minutes: Motioned and approved

Chairman's Comments: Mark mentioned that he had received a few compliments from parishioners after Fr. Jim introduced the Parish Council at the Masses the weekend of November 1 and 2. They mentioned it was nice to put a face to the name.

Fr. Jim's Comments: Fr. Jim reported on our October 2025 Mass pew counts. We remain relatively stable, with a slight increase of about 100 on average.

Committee Reports:

1. **Christian Service:** Denise reported on our Holiday Outreach for this year:
 - a. We will be giving to 6 charities, plus gift cards for food for individuals in need
 - b. Giving Tree will be put up for the weekend of 11/22 & 11/23, before Thanksgiving, allowing people to shop on Black Friday.
 - c. Each Tag on the tree will indicate whether the present needs to be wrapped or unwrapped.
2. **Education:** Nothing to add to the minutes from their last meeting.
3. **Finance:** John Brady reported the following:
 - a. The Fiscal 2024-2025 financial statements were printed in the bulletin.
 - b. Our objective to break even financially was met.
 - c. There was only a small subsidy from the church to the school in this fiscal year.
 - d. We do have a "rainy day fund" in savings just in case of an emergency.
4. **Seniors:** No Report
5. **Worship:** Donna Delfavero reported the following:
 - a. 4-5 new servers were trained at the last altar serving training.
 - b. Grief Share had a special "surviving the holidays" meeting, and there were 16 people attending.
 - c. Fr. Jim presented at the last Grief Share meeting and anointed all participants and all greatly appreciated this.

6. **Evangelization/Welcoming:** Deacon Don's written report was presented, and there were no questions.
7. **Social Worker:** The primary calls Patti is receiving are regarding housing. This is an issue all over, not just in Livonia.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. **Parishioner Comments:** A question regarding the new school security guard. This guard had been hired, but has turned down the job, so there are more interviews upcoming. This security guard will start this school year.
2. **Other New Business:**
 - a. St. Edith had attendees at the local security at places of worship workshop. A representative who attended will be at the next Worship Commission meeting to present information on the workshop. Donna and Fr. Jim will inform the PC at our next meeting of the outcome; however, if necessary, we can have the representative at our next meeting.
 - b. A comment regarding special Sunday Masses, such as Mother's Day, Easter, etc., where there are numerous guests in attendance, to ensure that we don't have CSA video or other "asking for money" types of sermons.

Next Meeting December 9, 2025:

Opening Prayer: Jim Wyzlic

Closing Prayer: Deb Beaman

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