

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

January 13, 2026

7:00pm – Fireside Room

Meeting Minutes

Attended: Fr. Jim, Elisabeth Johnston, Jill Josey, Jim Wyzlic, John Brady, Denise Brady, Sherry Szymanski, Deb Beaman, Kyle Livingstone

Excused: Joe Bertrand, Mark Tuttle, Donna DeFavero

1. Opening Prayer: Jim
2. Review & Approval of Minutes: Motioned and approved.
3. Chairman's Comments: None
4. Fr. Jim's Comments
 - a. AOD Restructuring Update: Fr. Jim provided an update on the AOD restructuring process. Fr. Jim explained that we are in Phase 1 of the restructuring process. Priests have submitted information about themselves. This week is the Pastorate Discernment which AOD priests committed to attending for three days. Fr. Jim will be attending. Listening sessions will begin next (Phase 2) and St. Edith's listening sessions will be in June (suggested dates were submitted). Priests will move or be reassigned July of 2027 (or in between if there is an emergency). Fr. Jim provided a handout about the process too (attached, pages 1-2).
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Christian Service: Denise - Nothing new to report outside of the minutes from last Thursday's meeting.
 - b. Education: Deb - Reported that RE classes and school are back in session.
 - c. Finance: John reported -
 - i. The security officer was hired. A fee will be added to tuition next year for school families for the security officer.
 - ii. St. Edith is trying to keep tuition comparable to St. Michael's which is a neighboring school.
 - d. Seniors: No report
 - e. Workshop: No report

f. Evangelization: No report

g. Social Worker: Provided written report prior to the meeting.

6. Old Business: None

7. New Business

a. Parishioners' Comments

i. Parishioners have asked questions and expressed concerns about the AOD restructuring.

ii. There is a pest problem in the kitchen. Make sure to take home leftover food and/or properly wrap it and store it in the refrigerator. Do not prop open doors because pests can enter!

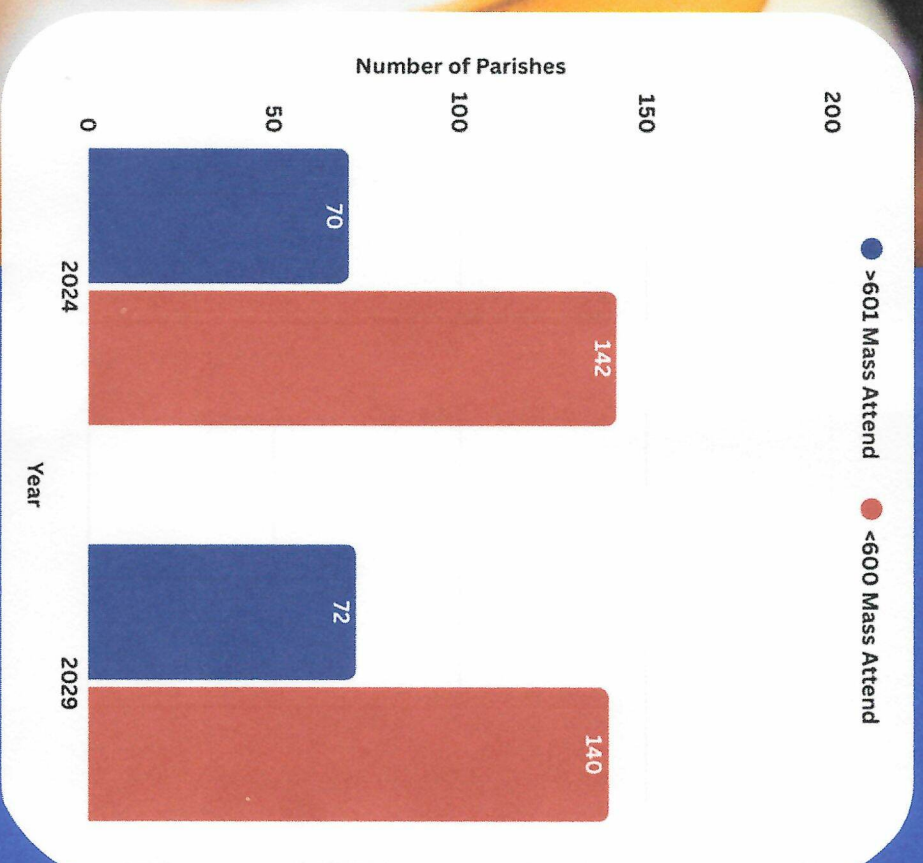
8. February 10, 2026 Meeting prayer volunteers

a. Opening: Denise

b. Closing: Kyle

9. Closing Prayer: Jill

Mass Attendance

















67% of parishes have fewer than 600 attendees at weekend Masses

2029 Projections

- 48 Parishes Grow
- 164 Parishes Shrink

Restructuring Process

PROPOSED TIMELINE

Phase 1: Kick-off and Discern			Phase 2: Listen and Refine		Phase 3: Prepare for Implementation	
PARISHES	 Priest Gathering Oct 2025		 Listening Sessions	 Parish Communities	 Pastorates Announced	 Implementation July 1, 2027
	 Commitments Nov-Dec 2025		Priest/Leaders			
	 Pastorate Discernment Jan 2026		Apr 2026	May/Jun 2026	Spring 2027	
PRIESTS	 Priest Leadership Inventory	Nov-Dec 2025	 Assignment Discussion Begins	May 2026	 Assignments Announced	Jan-Mar 2027
CURIA	 Gathering	Oct 2025	 Listening Session	Apr 2026	 Curia Realignment Announced	Spring 2027
	 Assessment Begins	Nov 2025				