

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

April 14, 2026

7:00pm – Fireside Room

Meeting Minutes

Attending: Fr. Jim, Elisabeth Johnston, Mark Tuttle, Jill Josey, John Brady, Denise Brady, Kyle Livingstone (By Phone), Joe Bertrand, Donna DeFavero,

Excused: Sherry Szymanski, Deb Beaman, Jim Wyzlic

Opening Prayer: Jill Josey

Review & Approval of Minutes: Motioned and approved

Chairman's Comments:

1. Mark thanked Elisabeth for taking over and performing the Chairperson's duties in his absence.
2. 2026-2027 Goals and Objectives Discussion. Mark thanked Elisabeth for drafting the G&O. They were distributed to all members. Mark asked all members to review and pray about them over the next few weeks and send any questions or comments to Mark.
 - . Denise Brady noticed that in Goal I, both objectives discussed the AOD Listening Sessions. Since those sessions will be completed in June before the end of this fiscal year, the 2026-2027 Objectives need to be revised. Mark will work on these and distribute them to the members for their review before the next meeting.

Fr. Jim's Comments:

1. Bob has replaced the No Parking Signs in the parking lot.
2. A discussion regarding the "south exit" onto Newburgh Road. Fr. Jim will review and will work with Bob if he feels a change and/or additional signage is needed.
3. Bob will add a couple new lights on the Christian Service office in the back as additional lighting is needed. If this is not enough, further discussion will occur.
4. Fr. Jim reported that the AOD restructuring is progressing. A discussion with all members occurred about the restructuring process.
 - . Questions regarding some of the details in the workbook were asked. Fr. Jim noted that some of the items were not correct but the AOD was not going to change them. A discussion occurred but it was determined that a single item in the workbook was not going to be a deciding factor in the overall restructuring process.
 - . A discussion regarding the Listening Sessions and parish members sign up ability occurred. Some parish members do not have email accounts, so they cannot sign up. Those people can call the Parish Office and the staff will sign them up. A question as to how those people will receive the information sent out before the meeting, and Elisabeth is going to follow up with Fr. Amore at the AOD to ascertain

how this will work.

Committee Reports:

1. **Christian Service:** Nothing in addition to the meeting minutes to add.
2. **Education:** No Report.
3. **Finance:** No Report.
4. **Seniors:** Joe reported that the seniors were thankful for the new automatic doors for the restrooms. However, the door to the men's restroom needs to be adjusted as it closes too quickly before the person can walk into the restroom. Fr. Jim will ask Bob to check on this item.
5. **Worship:** Donna had 2 comments:
 - a. The entire Easter season was beautiful and the Easter Triduum was very well done, and a big thank you to all who participated.
 - b. Thank you to Joe Rashid for all he does for St. Edith, especially filling in for Fr. Jim to lead the Palm Sunday Communion Service on short notice at the Saturday 5pm time.
6. **Evangelization/Welcoming:** No report
7. **Social Worker Report:** Sent out prior to meeting and no questions or comments.

Old Business:

- a. The School security position seems to be adjusting well.

New Business:

1. **Parishioner Comments:**
 - a. Donna received a comment from a parishioner that they love the music at St. Edith.
 - b. Jill asked about Boy Scouts and their service projects. Fr. Jim stated they could perform them at St. Edith but needed adult supervision.
2. **At Large Terms:** Jill Josey and Mark Tuttle's terms will expire on June 30, 2026. Both Jill and Mark will not return for another 3 year term, so there will be a need to add 2 new At Large Members. Mark announced that Elisabeth Johnston has agreed to become Chairperson of the Parish Council on July 1, 2026. A hearty round of applause and thanks to Elisabeth for stepping up to the position.
3. **Change in May Meeting Date:** *The May Meeting will be held on Monday May 11th at 7:00pm.* Mark will check with the Parish Office for the location and report back to the members.

Next Meeting May 11, 2026

Opening Prayer: Jim

Closing Prayer: John

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