



Minutes of the Meeting
February 4, 2025

Members Present: Rev. Gabriel Baltus, OSB
Doug Becker
Mike Budd
Steve Antonini
John Jelinek
John Turley
Tom Kmiecik
Maureen Cunningham
Brad Vaupel
Jennifer Hantsch
Gina Santori

Absent: Nora English
Mitch Whorlow
Jacqueline Skelly

Guests Present: Shirley Glaser, J.C. Lorenz, Matt Zurek, Matt Krumdrick

I. Opening

Evening prayer began at 7:02 p.m., and was led by Doug and Tom. The meeting began at 7:15 p.m.

II. Old Business

December 2, 2024 Minutes approved by Doug and seconded by Tom.

III. Pastor's Update

Father Gabriel provided an update to the Parish Council on the success of the Centennial. He praised the work provided by the Centennial committee, and numerous other parties that made it a success. The Centennial Book was reviewed and approved for final printing and would be available soon. School Board representation was not present, and the Finance Council has not met.

IV. New Business

- a. Verification of Council Members Contact Information
- b. Social Justice Ministry – This month the Parish Council invited various parish ministries to provide updates to the Parish Council and identify any needs they may have for the upcoming year.
 - i. Update from Matt Krumdrick on Alpha series. It has been a great success. Many Parish Pastoral Council members have participated and

- praised the engagement and discussion it has provided for parish members. We discussed how we could improve the offering.
- ii. Matt Zurek discussed the success of food collections at the children's mass. PADs is now being held all on site at the Red Roof Inn on Butterfield Road. The Youth Ministry and other volunteers have discussed how rewarding it is to serve those in need. In 2025, Matt plans on work with Chris White on a recycling ministry and continued work in earth matters in answer to the Pope's calling in *Ladato Se*. On March 8, 2025, Matt is putting together volunteers for a Feed My Starving Children event being held at Benedictine University. Matt planned on meeting with St. Scholastica to discuss managing Daybreak of Lisle and Bridge Communities. He discussed the tremendous resource the parish has with Sharing Connections for parishioners in need, or for parishioners' donations. Finally, he only asks the Council for continued prayers for the success of our Social Service ministries.
 - iii. J.C. Lorenz discussed the success of the Knights of Columbus, which has grown in size over the years at St. Joan of Arc Parish. The women on the Council inquired about whether the Knights would be interested in discussing a similar women's ministry.
 - iv. Shirley Glaser discussed the current status of the St. Vincent DePaul Society. She stressed the importance of communication. At this time, there is a significant need for money. They receive significant support from the Knights of Columbus, but the needs within the parish have grown. She discussed registering for grants. The St. Vincent DePaul Society has received increasing calls for people within the parish who are experiencing homelessness, or very limited means. Any support the Parish Pastoral Council could provide would be welcomed.

V. Next Meeting

The next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 24.

VI. Closing Prayer

The meeting ended at 9:30 p.m. Father Gabriel led the Council in the closing prayer.