

Pastoral Council Minutes

February 11, 2025

Members Present: Father Gary, Kristin Kupper, Maude McCarthy, Annie McDonald, Clay Murphy, Joe Weis

Guest: Leslie Fowler

Opening Prayer

Chair Report – Maude

Welcome to Joe Weis, farewell to Jim Parker

Chairman Report – Leslie Fowler, Highlands Community Ministry

Presented an informative video and updated the council on changes in governance.

There is concern if federal funding is pulled; will have a huge impact especially on senior programs and Meals on Wheels.

Business Manager – Kristin

Update on facilities – St. James roof – Highland Roofing will fix spots and gutters
St. Brigid – working on bids for AC, roof and gutter.

Staff updates – New accountant, Colette Lepley, very professional and approved by the Archdiocese. She will report to Kristin. Also, Kyla is leaving; the new accountant will help monitor school payment delinquencies.

Capital campaigns for both churches are in the planning stage with the effort to begin at St. James, possibly on Mothers' Day.

Hallow app – signed a two year contract, hoping to encourage habits of daily prayer and energize our community. Will have a mission with a representative from Hallow before Lent, publicized in the bulletin: Hope in Prayer.

Blue Jay Bash – back-up date of March 25 if weather is a concern.

New Membership Dinner – had 20 people – planning to repeat every four months.

Parish Soft data base – transition has been difficult but did get out annual giving statements

Parish Soft for online giving – will transition to this, which should make entries seamless.

Pastor Report – Father Gary

St. James School

-Received large donation from Mr. Lechleiter and so have hired a consultant, Robin Seiler, to help us with enrollment, website and social media

-Robin will develop a strategic 3-4 year plan for enrollment with focus on admissions and retention.

Church Security - Father Gary will be implementing the security procedure of fifteen minute locked doors at all Sunday Masses.

Parish Planning – The Archbishop is instituting in 2026 that every parish evaluates itself as to how best to continue, how the parishioners see the future of the parishes. This will be a three year process.

Holy Eucharist - The Archbishop will be issuing new guidelines as to distribution and reception of the Holy Eucharist.

Old/New Business

Approval November minutes, Clay motioned to accept, Annie seconded.

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: Tuesday March 11, 7PM at the Goetz Center