

Group: St. John Pastoral Council (In conjunction with Queen of Saints Pastoral Council)

Date: September 10, 2025

Attendees: Tami Fisher, Sue Ehrman, Stacy Siek, Theresa Hagen, Janet Niebuhr, Jean Ohlen

Absent: Jeff Bridgewater

Minutes from the July 9, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Jean and second by Janet to approve as read.

Old Business:

*Procurement of equipment/manpower for snow removal (front curb, back handicap parking, help with sidewalks with heavy snow). Janet Niebuhr and family will do sidewalks and steps. Awaiting Jeff B. conversations with local businesses to confirm larger snow removal pieces. Possibly Jeremy Franzen. Joe Notch is not interested per group comment.

*Recap of multiple building repairs that the council has noted in recent years and process for proceeding. These include roof, back hallway near handicap ramp (mold, water damage); sacristy ceiling-water damage; ceiling tile increasing to loosen (Tami will confirm Father sees) In light of the Journey in Faith and unknown future of parishes, Father Jake and Jaci joined our group to discuss. Per Jaci and Diocese rule, 3 bids are needed for any repair.

Elevator-handicap assistance: awareness with no discussion

Further discussion: Jean O. supports a roof, questions liability. Bathrooms may need attention.

Tami and Jeff (Building and Grounds) will work on procurement of 3 bids re: roof, ceiling tiles, dry wall repairs. After bids Tami, Jaci and Father Jake will need to complete “proxy” paperwork needed for communication with other persons in the legal hierarchy.

Per Jean information: “Proxy” was introduced by the financial guidance to the St. John’s Council and means: “the people appointed to spend the money of a legal organization”

Discussion: “Journey in Faith”

Tami reiterated information that has been in the Queen of Saints bulletin to register for meetings

being held in Region 5. Information regarding “Journey in Faith” is also available on the

website: <https://www.dbqjourneyinfaith.org/>

Decision:

- Why: “Journey in Faith” recommendations may have direct implications for our parish moving forward.
- How:

Who’s responsible:

Potential Collaboration with another group:

Parishioners to collaborate with: Jean discussed that education is needed to this St. John council regarding legal terms relevant to “Journey in Faith” we are taking. She feels this “is very important as we exercise our “freedoms” that come with trust and faith in Jesus, and our conscious support of evangelism by the organized church and we true Catholics”.

Sub group: Building and Grounds (Jeff absent)

*See all notes as above: old business

*With 3 bids Jaci will complete proxy which both Tami and Jeff would need to sign

Father Jake indicates and agrees that some of this has become a necessity

Sub group: Faith Formation (Janet)

*25 students are registered for Traditional Faith Formation....5 teachers. St. John is happy to support supper as needed. Janet will continue to link on dates and reach out for assistance as needed.

*Cathy Maile has the Freshman class of 7 students who meet once a month

*Confirmation retreat will be on Sunday, October 5 for those students unable to travel to Marshalltown for the NET retreat. Father Jake is requesting volunteers to help with retreat.

*Confirmation will be held on October 26, 2025 at St. Paul-Newhall there are 25 candidates.

*Adult Faith Formation “Jesus: The Way, The Truth and The Life” study began this week.

Good turnout in the 3 locations being held.

Sub group: Liturgy (Tami)

*Father Jake assigned the liturgy group to plan a reception for the Confirmation candidates and families on October 26. Planning will begin and Tami will reach out for help throughout the Queen of Saints.

*Tami wishes to reach out to confirm Sacristan subs/help especially during winter months. A notebook highlighting needs is in the Sacristy. Sue Ehrman will head this up with Cindy Andrew, Pat Angerman, Jean Ohlen to assure coverage.

*Cathy Maile has requested that a lector schedule for the Wednesday 5:30 p.m. mass be developed. Each parish will get 3 lector names to Tami, a schedule will be completed and e-mailed to all lectors.

*Father is looking at a time to schedule the Anointing of the Sick at all masses.

Sub group: Parish Life (Theresa)

*November 8, 2025 is the Queen of Saints Luncheon to be held in Norway. St. John is hosting 2 tables. The speaker is Millie Kehrli (“Quilts and Domestic Violence”) Soups/salads/dessert

*Discussed possible pizza after a mass/ parish social time

Sub group: Social Concerns (Sue and Stacy)

*Back to school collection has been delivered.

*October: coats, boots, hats, mitten collection

*Angel Tree: This will be put up at Thanksgiving to allow additional time to accommodate.

Considering an Angel per family vs. individual on each tag so that children get fairly consistent value of gifts.

Sub group: Finance

*attached to the agenda was a copy of the June 30, 2025 balance sheet and a copy of the Stewardship Report. The financials are e-mailed out by Jaci monthly. Council notes financial stability.

Motion to adjourn by Janet, seconded by Sue.

Next meeting: November 12, 2025 at St. Michael-Norway

Mass/Bulletin Announcements:

1. _____

Date of Event: _____

2. _____

Date of Event: _____

Additional Notes: