

Immaculate Conception Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2026

The March meeting of the pastoral council was opened at 6:30 pm with a prayer led by Fr. Jake Dunne.

Members present: Haley Schulte, Tammy Gibney, Paula Frazier

Members absent: Adam Masten, Lisa Nolan, Sandy Kaiser

Guests: Jaci Chambers and Deacon Robb Pailthorpe

Fr. Jake explained how the councils are changing due to the new pastorate assignments coming out in April 2026 along with upcoming dates to keep in mind. A quick overview:

- Difference between parish council, pastorate commission, and standing committee
- Number of people on each
- Proposed meeting timeline
- Interest survey that all current members will need to complete – pg. 24 of packet which was emailed for paper survey or complete online at <https://forms.gle/zRZs8fC1jUcyvoid7>

Fr. Jake proposed questions. This conversation will need to be continued at the April meeting.

- For discussion: If your parish has Sunday Mass after July;
 - How do we incorporate and welcome people into the ministries at Mass?
 - How do we make people coming to Mass feel welcome? What are questions someone might have if they've never been to our church?
- For discussion: If your parish does not have Sunday Mass after July;
 - What are your challenges as a parish? How can you as a council respond to each specific challenge?
 - What do the parishioners need to grieve the end of the era of Sunday Masses at this parish? How can your parish celebrate the history of the parish?
 - What can the parish that has Sunday Mass do to make your parishioners feel welcomed?
- Are there others who are not currently on pastoral councils that would be good additions to future standing committees and parish finance councils?

Mark your calendar for upcoming dates:

- April 15, 2026 - Work on ways to celebrate and proceed until July 11/12 at IC, Van Horne at 6:30 pm
- April 30, 2026 - Deadline for the interest survey
- May 20, 2026 - Next pastoral council meeting at IC, Van Horne at 6:30 pm
- July 2026 - meeting with new pastor, after July 14, TBD on membership/attendance
- August 2026 - Corporate meeting for current parish chair and finance persons
- New pastor will appoint Council and Commission members by September 1, 2026

The minutes from January 14, 2026 were not presented.

No other business was discussed.

No committee reports were shared.

Next meeting Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 6:30 pm discussing the above questions.

Closing prayer lead by Fr. Jake.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jaci Chambers

Queen of Saints

Business Manager