

St John's Parish Council

Minutes from meeting on April 20, 2026 6:30 pm

Tami Fisher, Theresa Hagan, Janet Neighbor, Sue Ehrman, Jean Ohlen

Absent: Jeff Bridgewater and Stacy Siek (both called to notify of absence)

Agenda was sent by Tami to all members

Members were reminded of page 24 of the packet sent to all council members on March 5.

Tami urged all members to think carefully on who might be good additions to the council needed in the next 26-27 year, the 27-28 year leadership will be integrated into the pastorate.

Tami informed the members that the last mass for St John's would be July 4th week end.

June 21st was selected as the "event" Sunday/mass.

May 10th is the children's mass, liturgy being planned. May crowning has been adapted and will take place.

Budget work for 26-27 has been done by Tami and Jeff, subsidy due to a larger entity is unknown, envelopes will be used another year

Challenges identified: 1. transportation - some parishioners no longer drive

2. Getting communion to those who can't get to mass 3. Physical Care of the church and grounds 4. Communication with our parishioners about critical information/leadership: strategies include direct telephone calls, a newsletter, announcements

With council direction and guidance, Tami is going to prepare a letter from this council to St. John's parishioners regarding the event planned for June 21st 2026, as the grieving/gratitude gathering. Other items will be included regarding 1,2,3,4 above during the imminent change period. Event specifics: brunch, catered by Dostal's, invitations will be sent, planning for #100.

After the fact, via text, it was noted that the question Fr Dunne asked of this council regarding "grieving the end of Sunday masses" was not addressed and further development of this should take place.

Next meeting will be May 20th at IC in Van Horne at 6:30 pm

Respectfully,

Secretary, Jean Ohlen