

## St. John the Evangelist Parish

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### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - Minutes

Fr. Michael Williams – Pastor – ex officio  
Myron McCormick – Finance – ex officio  
Marie Bardswich – St. John's  
Sue Quackenbush – St. John's  
Barb Pineau – St. John's

Pamela Schofield-Adams – St. John's  
James Murphy – St. John's **ABSENT with regrets**  
Sheila Lapierre – St. John's  
Trudy Hinds – St. Bernardine's **ABSENT**

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm in the Parish Hall.

PRAYER We prayed a decade of the Rosary for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, to begin our meeting.

**Following this, the PPC met to discuss the following pastoral issues:**

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- (1) Bishop's pastoral visit: **no new date**
- (2) Jubilee Year – December 24, 2024 to January 6, 2026
- (3) A June Event Proposal
- (4) Appreciation Dinner – A Review

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- (5) Parish Photo Album
- (6) Kneelers in the Church

#### ONGOING BUSINESS:

- (7) Social Concerns, Worship, Future Planning, Youth, Pastoral Care, Faith Formation & Spirituality
- (8) Parish Financial Update

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Re: (1) There is still no new information on when the Bishop will be able to reschedule his pastoral visit, which was unfortunately postponed from the planned date in January.

Re: (2) The Jubilee Year Parish Photo Album will proceed, and has been moved under its own agenda item (#5 below).

Six parishioners expressed an interest in a one day Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Martyr's Shrine in Midland. Fr. Michael proposed May 22<sup>nd</sup> as the Pilgrimage date and will soon provide information in the bulletin to anyone who might be interested in participating.

The proposed Diocesan Pilgrimage will not proceed, as the organizer was unable to secure the needed insurance for such an event.

Re: (3) The Knights of Columbus are unable to host a June BBQ for our Parish, and will instead plan on something for the Fall. The PPC decided to drop the idea for a June event.

Re: (4) All the feedback from the Parish Appreciation Dinner was positive; Fr. Michael kept notes for efficient planning of next year's event.

Re: (5) Ann McCormick is organizing the Jubilee Parish Photo Album. We hope to have a special focus on the 'elders' of our Parish communities in it. The dates for the photo sittings are June 11-14<sup>th</sup>.

Re: (6) A couple of parishioners have requested the reinstallation of kneelers in the Church. Apparently, a number of them were damaged when they were removed some years ago during a renovation, and so all of them were discarded. After some discussion, it was decided to cost out this project. With that information, we will be in a better position to make a decision at our June meeting.

Re: (7) There was some discussion about the Garson Food Bank (Social Concerns) and the needs of our Shut Ins who are receiving Holy Eucharist at home (Pastoral Care). There was no other information to be shared and no concerns raised under the other categories.

Re: (8) Myron distributed a spreadsheet showing our Parish financials to the end of February, in relationship to our annual budget. In future meetings, he will also show a comparison to last year's numbers. There were no concerns raised about our financial situation or the budget at this time.

The meeting ended with a prayer at 7:20pm.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, June 4th at 6pm in the Parish Hall.