

Meeting Minutes-St. John the Baptist Parish Pastoral Council - November 4, 2024

Present: Father Alan Wierzba (Pastor), Nancy Hackel (Evangelization Coordinator), Bonnie Nenstiel, Patty Myszka, and Elizabeth King

Excused: David Bielmeier and Jack Knetter

1 & 2. The meeting opened with a prayer led by Father Alan, followed by the recitation of the parish mission statement.

3. Minutes from August 26, 2024 were approved as read. Patty motioned for the approval and Bonnie seconded. The motion passed.

4. The school had several events since August: Nasa Globe Camp field trip, a middle school retreat at St. Anthony's Retreat Center, the start of a middle school student council, graveyard of the saints, and much more.

5. Father Alan shared that both the Diocesan Annual Appeal and Inspired by the Spirit Campaign are going well. He shared two pie pictures, one where the income comes from and one where the expenses go towards.

6. 125th Celebration Planning:
Pictorial Directory, the committee is waiting to receive the proof.
January 19, 2025 Bishop Battersby will celebrate Mass at 11:00 am.
February: Catholic Schools Week
March: Lent
June: Deacon Matthew's ordination and parade
August: Picnic
December: Live Nativity

7. Deacon Matthew Szymanski will be ordained on June 28, 2024. Mass at St. John's the following day.

8. Advent / Christmas:
Father Alan's Bible Study will resume on Sunday, December 1st at 4:00 pm.
Patty Myszka will talk to Mrs. Jane Bergs about how much church can be decorated before the Christmas Program on Sunday, December 15th.
Mass times: December 24th at 4:00 pm, December 25th at 9:00 am

Parish Pastoral Activities:

Youth Group: All going well. Kateri Hackel, along with Saffiya and Xavier Hackel and Maria Hackel are leading Middle School and High School youth evenings.

Grief Support: No interest in the Spring offering.

Technology: Working on a bug in the church.

Evangelization: CCD, Children's Liturgy are both going. Confirmation was October 13, 2024. 19 youths were Confirmed..

PCCW and Holy Name Men Fish Fry: Getting ready for the Christmas Benefit.

Pro-Life and Family Life: Youth and families will be offered attending the Pro-Life March in Washington, D.C.

Next Meeting Date: January 6, 2025 @ 6:30 pm

Meeting adjourned with a blessing at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Hackel