

## Meeting Minutes-St. John the Baptist Parish Pastoral Council - April 28, 2025

Present: Father Alan Wierzba (Pastor), Nancy Hackel (Evangelization Coordinator), Elizabeth King, Bonnie Nenstiel, Patty Myszka, Dave Bielmeier, Jack Knetter

1. The meeting opened with a prayer led by Father Alan
2. Minutes from January 6, 2025 were discussed and corrections were suggested. Nancy made a motion to approve with corrections and Elizabeth seconded. The motion passed with a vote.
3. **St. John's School** - 3 students advanced to the regional spelling bee. The open house was held and 7 of the 10 visitors registered for next year. Some of the upcoming events discussed were the Walk for Witness, School Picnic, Graduation, raffle for CCD and the school, and the Senior Recognition Mass. We discussed the mailing going out to the alumni of St. Johns School.
4. **Parish Finances** - End of year statements given out. No feedback was received.
5. **125th Anniversary Celebration Planning** - A Parade float was discussed. September 7 was suggested as a possible date for a parish picnic, but main street will be under construction. We discuss possible options like getting a tent or having it in the church hall. What other activities can be done?
6. **Matthew Szymanski Ordination** - The ordination will take place on June 28th in Lacrosse. Fr. encourages anyone who can to attend. We are considering chartering a bus. A choir will be brought in to sing at the celebration 11:00 am Mass on June 29th at St. John's. We are estimating 170 attendees for the lunch after mass.
7. **Lent / Easter Triduum Comments** - Some positive comments were made about the men singing acapella on Good Friday and the song leading at the other masses. Others commented that the choir was missed. There were 125 people in the overflow area in the church hall for the Easter mass.
8. **Pastoral Council Members** - the first 2 year term is up in July for Elizabeth, Jack and Dave. These members will need to let Father know if they want to serve another term.
9. **Brief updates** were given on the following Parish activities
  - A. Youth Group - Average attendance at activities is 10-13 students.
  - B. Evangelization - CCD and Children's Liturgy have concluded for the year. OCIA program currently has 1 participant. We discussed hosting a marriage retreat meant to enhance the marriage and benefit the whole family.
  - C. PCCW- New items at the fish fry (kids meal and salad bar) went over well. A suggestion was made to have the desserts labeled not only for convenience but also for safety, to identify potential allergens such as nuts.

D. Homebound Ministry - In the Easter season 12 visits were made in the Holy Family Parish and 33 were made in St. John's Parish .

E. Pro Life and Family Life - We discussed the Rose sale for Mother's Day and a Popcorn Sale for Father's Day.

10. **What are you hearing** - The school is in need of a couple teachers. Interviews are set up for both.

Next Meeting Date: August 25, 2025 6:30 pm

Meeting adjourned with a blessing by Father Alan.