

Meeting Minutes-St. John the Baptist Parish Pastoral Council-January 26, 2026

Present: Father Alan Wierzba (Pastor), Nancy Hackel (Evangelization Coordinator), Patty Myszka (Finance Council Rep), Bonnie Nenstiel, David Bielmeier, Elizabeth King

Excused: Jack Knetter

The meeting opened with a prayer led by Father Alan. The mission statement was read by the group.

Patty motioned to accept the minutes from November 23, 2025. Bonnie seconded the motion. The motion passed.

St. John School News: The Gala Fundraiser held on January 17, 2026, netted between \$40,000.00-\$50,000.00. All expenses are not in currently. The fundraiser was a huge success and many thanks to the committee and a special thank you to Jenna Martin.

The school principal, Jessica Halvorsen, is on maternity leave. She will return after Easter break. Brenda Werner is the teacher in charge along with Father Alan helping in the administration during Jessica's absence.

The week of January 25-February 1, 2026, is Catholic Schools Week. The school will have an Open House for incoming 3 – 5-year-olds. In addition, an Alumni Open House will be held that week.

Parish Finances: Father Alan shared the following balances in the parish's checking account, St. Ambrose Savings, and Inspired by the Spirit savings account. In addition, that the parish is ~\$2,000.00 from reaching the Diocesan Annual Appeal which is \$35,735.00.

Liturgical:

Advent and Christmas: The hat/glove drive went well. A picture was taken of the council prior to the meeting by Keith from St. Vincent De Paul who will post a thank you to St. John's on their Facebook. It was shared by council members that the singing prior to Christmas Eve Mass was very much missed.

Lent and Easter: Father Alan will offer additional confessions during Lent. Every Saturday from 9:00-9:30 am. Currently, confessions are offered every Saturday from 3:00-3:30 pm, Sundays from 8:30-8:50 am, and Mondays from 4:30-5:30 pm. With the help of Mr. and Mrs. Myszka assisting in the CCD Large Groups, Father Alan will also hear confessions throughout Lent for the CCD grades 3-10.

Stations of the Cross will be offered every Monday during Lent from 5:30-6:00 pm.

Lenten Activities: Youth Group-Family Friday Fish Fry-March 6th

Parish: Puzzling-Sunday, March 15th

Cribbage Tournament-Sunday, March 22nd

Holy Week:

Holy Thursday: 7:00 pm SJ

Good Friday Service: 12:30 pm Stations of the Cross, 1:00 pm service SJ

Holy Saturday: 8:00 pm Mass SJ

Easter Sunday: 9:00 am Mass SJ

11:00 am Mass HF

At the Holy Saturday Mass 5-6 people will come into the Church.

Father Alan discussed “Pastoral Constitution of the Church in the Modern World Gaudium Et Spes” written on December 7, 1965. The article addresses it in a new light/new era. How does the Church adapt to the changing world without changing what the Church stands for. At the next Pastoral meeting, members should have read Chapter 1 pages 5-11.

Father Alan shared the new flooring in Rectory. There are plans to continue remodeling the Rectory, i.e. his bathroom and kitchen.

Youth Group and Evangelization was shared earlier with the upcoming activities. Father Alan shared that he would like families to have a focal point during Lent. March 4 in CCD is a Large Group Family activity.

PCCW and Holy Name Men: Lenten Fish Fry. Patty shared everything is in motion and are ready. A group met the week before and Father Alan shared moving forward that there will be a Parish Fish Fry Group. St. John Fish Fry Committee.

Parish Homebound Ministry: Dorrie visits or calls 35 people between the two parishes.

Family Life: Pro-Life Signature Ad went well. Upcoming will be the Rose Sale and Popcorn Sale.

The committee decided on Evangelium Candle.

Cassocks—positive feedback.

Next meeting: April 27, 2026 at 6:30 pm.

Father Alan adjourned the meeting with a blessing at 7:30 pm.