



**Pastoral Council
Agenda
9 Jun 2026, 6pm; St Francis de Sales Basement**

Meeting opened at 6:11pm

Fr. Balachandra Miriyala	Present	Mike Keohane (27)	Present
Todd Giefer, President (26)	Present	Laura Mack (27)	Present
Gary Jones, Vice President (28)		Jon Smrtic (26)	Present
Stephanie Pierce, Secretary (26)	Present	Jeannine Edmonds, Finance Council	Present
John Beshenich (28)	Present	Carolyn Klemp, Business Manager	
Marty Brown (26)	Present	Joan Leonard, Dir of Liturgical Music	Present
Glenn Dreiling (28)		Carrie Mathews, PLC	Present
Julie Foresee (28)		Ethan Wersland, Director RE/Youth	Present
Katie Frandsen (27)	Present		
Van Bert (27)	Present		

Opening Prayer by John Beschénich

Minutes will be emailed out for review.

Old Business

- School Board: School is out, no updates.
- Capital Campaign: We don't have updated numbers right now, but we have reached out goal, still soliciting donations because anything above the goal goes towards additional costs. On track to have the half required to start construction by the end of year.
- Building Committee: Finance council approved four people to go out for bid for the construction job - but we can't do anything until we have the money in hand. We can, however, go ahead and apply for a loan. Decided on a construction manager instead of a general contractor. Next big meeting is
- Elections/Appointments: Todd misspoke last month - Stephanie, Marty, John Smrtic, Todd rotate out July 14th. Please continue to seek out nominees for replacements. June 14th is when nominations are due.
- Relocation from Robert Martz Hall: Next meeting is July 13th, 6pm there is a meeting with all stakeholders to get updates and plan for relocation. It will be a potluck. We've also asked stakeholders to start purging excessive "stuff". Please check in with your ministries to make sure they're on track and invited. Todd reviewed a rough sketch of how the basement will be organized during the remodel. Plan is to have the basement usable after the Basement sale in October.

Organizations – requests, updates

– Liturgy Committee: Next meeting October 2026; Ministry fair is end of August. Goal for next parish mission week is during lent but smaller than last year; planning for the larger version every three years.

– Finance Committee: We have found Carolyn's replacement, split into two part time positions instead of one full time. Jerry will be the bookkeeper (already started), and Jim Freeke will be the business manager (next month). Also have replaced Connie who moved away - with Beth Vogle. Also hired a custodian, Isaiah Murphy.

– Religious Education: youth group is doing a bake sale this weekend. PANDA is coming up mid June. Totus Tuus end of July (we need two hosts to bring in the missionaries. Sign up sheets for bringing in snacks and such are in the back of church.) Steubenville is mid-July.

Calendar Forecast: Parish office is closed the 19th of June; office is closed the 3rd of July. Adding a daily mass for Saturday, July 4th at 9am.

New Business

– Upcoming Events / Issues: This month, on the 11th, all the bishops across the United States are going to enthrone the sacred heart of Jesus. We can do that by having everyone bring a picture or statue to display in their homes, to bring and have blessed we could provide the info. The picture the archdiocese is using will be on the website after the 11th. Tentative weekend for the blessing is the weekend of July 25th.

Synodality: July 1-22 the diocesan level survey are available for participation, was sent out via the Friday email. After September 12th we will have deanery level survey. There is a deanery level meeting in September 15th at St. Francis de Sales. September 19th (10am) invited members from Parish council and pastoral council will be participating at a diocese level meeting.

Opinions from parishioners: there was a suggestion to combine the two Sunday masses on Corpus Christi so there's one big celebration with everyone. Also possible for other big feast days. Pastoral Council agreed this was a good idea.

Another issue: it seems we have "forgotten" our military members or fallen military members in the petitions on Memorial Day. May want to include our military members in universal prayers in the future like we've done in the past. Pastoral Council offered no response.

Todd suggested the future pastoral council keep meeting every month instead of skipping since it should be the focal point of our parish.

Next Meeting: 1800, 14 July 2026

Meeting closed at 6:45pm.