



**Pastoral Council
Minutes
16 July 2025 @ 6pm**

- Attendance

Fr. Balachandra Miriyala	present	Mike Keohane (27)	present
Todd Giefer, President (26)	present	Laura Mack (27)	present
Van Bert, Vice President (27)	present	Jon Smrtic (26)	present
Stephanie Pierce, Secretary (26)	present	Jeannine Edmonds, Finance Council	present
John Beshenich (28)	absent	Carolyn Klemp, Business Manager	absent
Marty Brown (26)	present	Joan Leonard, Director of Liturgical Music	present
Glenn Dreiling (28)	present	Carrie Mathews, Parish Life Coordinator	present
Julie Foresee (28)	present	McKinzie Murley, Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry	absent
Katie Frandsen (27)	present		
Gary Jones (28)	present		

- Welcome at 0601
- Opening Prayer – Katie Frandsen
- Review last meeting’s minutes – No objections: approved for the record
- Old Business
 - Committee member update: farewell to Isaac and Duane; new member introductions. Reminder about which members leave next year.
 - Building Committee: The capital campaign study results are being condensed to present to the parish within the next couple weeks; the parish hall came out as the priority for renovation. Several members went and met with the architect to adjust plans based on the results of the estimates on what the capital campaign could potentially raise. We have decided to hire Bill Maloney to run the capital campaign. The building committee will meet again next week.
 - Parish Mission Week: Enter the Journey is the theme of the parish mission week: September 7-11; all parishioners received a letter in the mail from Fr. Bala inviting them to the mission. The intent is to have RSVP from all parishioners in order to maximize participation; failure to RSVP will trigger a phone call from volunteers inviting them to the parish. Next meeting of the parish mission week committee is August 13th at 6pm.
 - School Board: The school board isn’t meeting right now. Our parish youth group is doing fantastic but with the amount of kids it takes a lot of drivers to move the kids. Glenn is a licensed bus driver. Mike Keohone is willing to ask the school board if we would be able to utilize their bus. Marty Brown brought up needing to check the archdiocesan rules regarding insurance and transporting kids. Fr. Bala will investigate the possibility. Discussed the

relationship between Xavier and St. Francis de Sales; the goal is for there to be a formative connection between the two entities. The current lack of relationship is common throughout parishes, it's not just a local problem. Carrie suggested giving the list of registered parishioners to the school and having them direct any family registering for the school claiming affiliation with St. Francis to the parish office for a letter of good standing.

- Estate Planning Workshop: Great meeting to encourage people to plan ahead for their funeral. Approximately 50 people were there. Jeanine talked about end of life financial planning; Catholic Hospice was there to talk about the local options for hospice care. Planning ahead provides a much smoother process for funeral planning. Suggest coordinating a conference like this twice a year; next one in the fall.
- Archbishop Installation Mass: Todd, Fr. Bala. and Van went. There were so many people there that some had to watch in an adjoining room.
- Eucharistic Procession: Well attended despite the hot weather. Need to get new speakers or adjust our current system to better project the sound.
- Organizations
 - Altar Society is standing up August 16th, 2025 with a brunch; the plan is to have 3-4 breakfast meetings a year to bring the members together. This organization is limited to the women in the parish.
 - KofC is having a pancake breakfast on the second Sunday of August. The last two times haven't been well attended.
 - Sparrow received a \$40k donation; they will be getting a billboard along with using the funds in other ways. Gary Jones, new Pastoral Council member, is the president of the board over at Sparrow.
- Liturgy Committee: next meeting in October.
- Finance Committee
- Religious Education
- Calendar Forecast:
 - Fr. Bala is leaving 28 July and will be back the 5th of September. The priestly duties for the parish are covered.
 - Parish picnic is the 6th of September; not technically related to the Parish Mission Week. Sharon is trying to get volunteers to help with the family life committee and parish picnic. Carrie suggested rolling the Family Life Committee into a welcoming committee.
 - Carrie would like to do a ministry fair the 1st weekend in November for all ministries to have a display table to showcase their contributions and encourage volunteers.



- The K of C does a candle ceremony for all knights that have passed the previous year on the 1st Sunday of November.
- Julie Foresee asked if the church is doing anything for the Jubilee Year. The short answer is no. Fr. suggested possibly doing an enthronement to the sacred heart throughout parish houses.
- New Business
 - Todd brought up the concern of several parishioners regarding the temperature in the church during the mass; especially with the cost of running the a/c. Carrie reminded us that Fr. is layered up during mass.
 - Gary suggested each member write a short biography about themselves to share with each other.
- Next Meeting: September 17th, 2025 at 6pm
- Closing Prayer – Fr Bala at 7:06pm
- Due Outs
 - Each Council member submit a four to six sentence biography to President.
 - Carrie Mathews coordinate with Xavier principal and reconcile list of registered parishioners attending school and students claiming affiliation with St. Francis. Parish will confirm registration and appropriately provide Xavier a letter of good standing.
 - President will coordinate with staff and update list of organizations and provide liaison opportunities for new members.
 - Reconcile mission/purpose of Family Life and Welcoming Committee.