

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

July 2026

Present: Rick Markins, Jeff Usher, Cac Diehr, Consuelo Quiroz, Angie Mackell, Chris Johnson, Fr. Jude, Caroline House, Mark Erdosy, Carol Wehlage, Peggy Clegg, Michele Rosenbaum, Jesse Purvis, Pattiann Gavaghan, Rick Fischer, Kathryn Leszynski, Mark Misner

Not Present: Greg Slisz, Deacon Gary

-Opening Prayer – Mark Erdosy

-Introductions of new members

-Jesse Purvis: School Commission

-Kathryn Leszynski: At Large Member

-Rick Fischer: At Large Member

-Pattiann Gavaghan: At Large Member

-May Minutes: Jeff moves to approve and Carol seconds the motion

-Meeting Topics

1. Election: 9 nominations; 400ish ballots; 3 new members elected
2. We will also begin posting the meeting minutes to the website in Spanish
3. Church History: the history on the website is lengthy and goes back awhile, but is not totally up to date; Angie shared that it is currently being updated
4. Pastoral Plan for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis
 - a. Discussion of the domains, goals, objectives, and action steps that are presented in the Go Forth booklet
 - b. How can the various commissions and ministries support the action steps, objectives, and goals presented in the framework?
 - c. Many commissions will begin looking through the framework in upcoming meetings
 - d. There are already things we are doing that support the framework, but how can we add to them and strengthen them?
 - e. Domain 1, Goal 1, Objective 1.1, Action Step 1
 - i. Parish audit: what are parishioners doing for personal prayer? This may help us to understand how we can support them in prayer and provide a snap shot for what they are interested in
 - ii. Cac mentions she has thought of doing a class on prayer
 - iii. Book studies could be a potential formation opportunity
 - iv. Rebuilding a youth program starting with confirmation

- v. Bring people into parish life by making them aware of all the opportunities we have in the parish
 - vi. Empowering the youth in the church to take responsibility in their roles at Mass and give them a purpose/why
 - vii. Empowering volunteers to become leaders
- f. Action Step 2
 - i. It is important when training musicians and cantors that they understand how the music is related to the readings and that they are there to lead the congregation in song, not to perform
- g. Current State of the Parish
 - i. Hearing devices at the doors of church are not working; looking into getting them replaced
 - ii. People are struggling to hear in the church (lots of echo)
 - iii. Several people have asked about posting the song numbers somewhere in the church – will discuss at Liturgy Commission Meeting
- h. Budget
 - i. Additional breakdowns on the budget to see where deficits and surpluses are coming from
 - ii. The goal is to have the school be self sufficient in the next 5ish years
 - iii. Finance Commission will be closing the fiscal year
 - iv. The collection budget will stay the same even though we have dropped a Mass
- i. Check signing
 - i. We are removing Tom Costello and Kevin Gawrys
 - ii. We will be adding Cassie Echegaray and Greg Slisz
 - iii. Effective for all 3 accounts – operating (5837), gaming (5845), stipend (5853)
 - iv. Fr. Jude Sahayam as the administrator is the controlling party of the bank accounts
 - v. Angela Mackell can act of the accounts
 - vi. Lisa Gibbons can act on the accounts
 - vii. If Fr. Jude is not available to sign, 2 signatures are required
- j. Facilities updates
 - i. Landscaping work that Men's Club will be helping with (bushes removed, bushes trimmed,
 - ii. Jacob and John are busy doing work in the school
 - iii. Pews will be finished before September 1
 - iv. The keypad on the Church has been installed, but is not ready for use just yet; the front doors will be ready for programming soon (the doors can be programmed to lock and unlock at certain times)
 - v. Josh Richardson has been hired as Athletics Site Manager (formerly gym manager); this is a paid position within athletics; this position will ensure that there is presence at all athletic events; his role includes scheduling practices and games and readying facilities for events

- vi. Jeannie Zimmerman is retiring at the end of July – the position has been posted and there will be interviews next week; one requirement is to be fluent in Spanish
- k. Festival
 - i. The Festival was a huge success; weather was great
 - ii. 2nd highest profit in Summerfest history
 - iii. Sponsorships hit a record this year
 - iv. Main raffle did better this year, but we are hoping to continue the upward trend
 - v. Summerfest 2027 will be June 4th, 5th, and 6th
- l. Commission Reports
 - i. Parish Life: the next meeting is July 29th at 6pm; they would like to invite new members to help come up with new ideas
- m. Final words and closing prayer from Fr. Jude

Next Meeting: September 9, 2026