

St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2025, PMC building 6:00 pm

Members present: Fr. John, Karen Chandler-Facilitator, Ryan Collett-Assistance Facilitator, Homero Gonzalez-Secretary, Greg Porter, Jim Buzan, Arleen Danek and Vincent Richter. Absent-Dr. Kevin Stuart

Opening Prayer & Reflection-All

Meeting called to order: Karen Chandler

Topics of Discussion:

New Business

1. Online Giving Platform—Deacon David shared current platform needs to be revamped to bring down costs, more automated and increase online giving participation. Push Pay is the chosen platform.
2. Top 10 Wish List—Fr. John shared his top 10 wish list of needed items for our Parish. The Pastoral Council asked for this list in case a donation is available to help. The list is in no particular order
 - a. Sound System relocation and improvement
 - b. Choir Loft Improvement to be completed by Easter
 - c. Entrance to Rectory Improvement-Committee came to Fr. John and project to be self-funded and completed in phases
 - d. Angels Room Improvement-Live Broadcasting
 - e. Master Plan—Working with an Architect to help us review our current campus structure and help us to prepare for future growth coming to our church. An online meeting will be scheduled for Pastoral Council Members one evening in February.
 - f. Marianne Grotto—To be included in Master Plans. Pieta being made in Italy-funds have been secured.
 - g. Parish Chalice, Ciborium and Patten—1 set estimated to cost up to \$8,000
 - h. Convent renovation to be considered for living space
 - i. Cleaning Bell Tower
 - j. Parish Office Space
3. Security Cameras—Vandalism and safety concerns have escalated the need for security cameras. Greg Porter will gather information.
4. Pastoral Council Member-Fr. John will visit with a church member interested in the Pastoral Council and report back to the Council
5. 3-D Pew Pocket—Fr. John to create a pro-type. This pew pocket will be placed in the pews and hold various items throughout the year.
6. Term Limits--Pastoral Council Members serve 3-year terms and may serve up to two consecutive terms. The current member terms are as follows:
 - Homero Gonzalez-May 2022
 - Karen Chandler-May 2022
 - Ryan Collett-November 2022
 - Dr. Kevin Stuart-September 2023

- Greg Porter-August 2024
- James Buzan-August 2024
- Arleen Danek—August 2024
- Vincent Richter-August 2024

Old Business

1. Angel's room--Verbal and Bulletin announcements will be made sharing information on and the location of Angel's room for 4 weeks beginning February 1st.
2. Missals—Pastoral Council agreed to move forward with a Seasonal Missalette, Large Print. Fr. John approved order of 15 copies to be available at church.
3. Welcome Committee to be in place by Lent—Fr. John is working on it
4. Choir Loft Room—Homero shared the room was inspected. Old Pews and other items found will need to be carefully removed. More research is needed.

Closing Prayer led by Fr. John.

Next Meeting, March 11, 2025

Calendar

01-17-2025 6 pm at PMC, Christmas and New Year Gathering for Pastoral Council, Finance Council, and St. Mary's Office Staff

02-26-2025 10 am, Catholic School Mass

03-05-2025 Ash Wednesday

May & October 2025—Tentative plans to recognize new and existing parish members

6-14-2025 Deacon Ladd's Ordination

9-7-2025 St. Mary's Festival

2025—TBD--Pastoral Council Retreat at Cedarbrake Retreat Center

2025---TBD--Eucharistic Procession, Procession from Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Mary's, Bishop Vasquez to lead