

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
February 4, 2025

**AT-LARGE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Lori Bernard, Mikey Disbennett, Mike Essen, Karen Hultquist, Karen Kovacs, Gina Leranath, Nick Roos

**AT-LARGE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Lisa Alt, Bridget Eichhold, Alan Gerken, Brian Linnemann

**CLERGY IN ATTENDANCE:** Fr. Andrew Umberg

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Donna Frazee

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice-President Mike Essen

**OPENING PRAYER:** Fr. Umberg

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS PASTORAL COUNCIL (PC) MEETING MINUTES:**

PC did not meet in January. Karen Hultquist made a motion to approve the December 2024 meeting minutes. She was seconded by Lori Bernard. Motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1) **Pastoral Council Election Process:** Mike Essen presented a proposed process and timeline for conducting PC elections for 2025. Substantive discussion occurred this evening. One item raised was the need for defining what constitutes an “active parishioner” for the purposes of standing for office. For reference, Fr. Umberg was given a copy of the 2022 “Covenant Agreement” letter sent out to all parishioners. He will review it and consider what he wants to take from it to create the messaging that will appear on this year’s informational materials.

Since Fr. Umberg is still acclimating to his new assignment, he has decided to temporarily suspend elections for PC and will appoint members to fill the 4 positions expiring at the end of the current service year. Interest cards will still go out in the spring, and Fr. Umberg will review and consult on the list of interested individuals before making his appointments. Gina Leranath offered to assist Mike Essen and Fr. Umberg with drafting interest cards and coordinating outreach to candidates.

2) **PC Commissions Reporting Schedule:** Mike Essen presented a proposed reporting schedule for PC Commissions and Finance Council. After discussion, it was agreed that Mary Dadosky and Angie Heisel will be asked to provide a report for the March meeting. Mike will slot in other groups for the 3 remaining meetings of this year and present the revisions in March.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1) **PC Unexpired Term Opening:** With the untimely passing of PC member Gregory Male, Council now has an unexpired term opening. The By-Laws indicate that the pastor should appoint an individual to fill that opening. Fr. Umberg would like to review the list of remaining candidates from the 2024 PC election and confer with the Director of Finance & Administration and the Principal before moving forward with naming a replacement.

**PASTOR'S REMARKS:**

- 1) **Christmas Liturgies Debrief:** Attendance was high at both 3pm Masses—the church and gym were packed. Liturgies went well overall, and the new decorations fit nicely in the renovated sanctuary space.
- 2) **Liturgical Ministries:** There is a great need at all of the Masses for people to help in the Hospitality ministry—ushers, greeters, and collection coordinators. The Reader and Eucharistic ministries are also in need of replenishing, particularly at the noon Mass. Fr. Umberg is planning to hold training sessions for new Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Current volunteers will be asked to attend as well, for refreshers and updates.
- 3) **Mardi Gras Celebration:** A Mardi Gras reception will be held after all of the Masses the weekend of March 1/2.
- 4) **Lenten Programming:** Each Thursday night in Lent, the parish will host “Super Thursdays,” beginning with Mass at 5:30pm, a potluck soup dinner at 6:00pm (Signups will be publicized shortly), and a talk on Sacred Scripture given by Fr. Umberg at 7:00pm. The Fish Fry will also return on Friday evenings during Lent. Jen Smith is coordinating.
- 5) **Plumbing Issue on Ballfields:** Due to a plumbing issue, the lower ballfields and walking track were closed early this week, to allow work crews to install a temporary fix. The fields have reopened for now but will close again when crews return in a few weeks for permanent repairs.
- 6) **Pastoral Staff Additions:** Jen Smith and Mike Moyer have come onboard in the Business Manager function. Mike will be focused primarily on the parish’s auxiliary accounts. Rick Berning will begin transitioning his workload down as he prepares to retire.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Fr. Umberg

**NEXT MEETING:** March 4, 2025, at 7:00 pm, in the School Library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Frazee  
Pastoral Council Recording Secretary