

**ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 1, 2025**

**AT-LARGE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Lisa Alt, Lori Bernard, Mikey Disbennett, Mike Essen, Alan Gerken, Karen Hultquist, Karen Kovacs, Gina Leranthe, Brian Linnemann

**AT-LARGE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bridget Eichhold, Nick Roos

**CLERGY IN ATTENDANCE:** Fr. David Tran, Fr. Andrew Umberg

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Donna Frazee, Julie Hendrickson, Jen Wiesman

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

**OPENING PRAYER:** Brian Linnemann

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

Karen Hultquist made a motion to approve the March 2025 meeting minutes. She was seconded by Gina Leranthe. Motion passed unanimously.

**ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (A/A) REPORT:**

Julie Hendrickson and Jen Wiesman reported.

- 1) Seasons and Enrollment:** Winter sports have just wrapped up and Spring sports are beginning. Registration for Fall sports starts in 2 weeks. The program has about 610 students enrolled, with about 180 volunteer coaches. Safe Parish training and CPR certification are required for all coaches.
- 2) Spring Grounds CleanUp:** The annual Spring Grounds Cleanup Day just took place and drew a good crowd to help beautify the grounds after the winter weather.
- 3) Spring Sports Mass:** Seasonal sports Masses have resumed. Spring sports were welcomed at the Noon Mass on March 23. About 70 players with their coaches were in attendance.
- 4) Financials:** The financials are sound. Major upgrade expenses this year included a remote system to raise and lower the basketball nets in the gym. The A/A is in talks with the school over replacement of the gym bleachers, which date from the 1980's.
- 5) Faith Engagement:** Natalie Conner, parish Youth Minister, has created some initiatives to incorporate faith formation into each season, including handouts that identify patron saints for each sport, prayer suggestions, etc.
- 6) Weekend Under the Lights 2025:** This year's Weekend Under the Lights will take place May 30/31 and will feature baseball and softball teams. Food trucks will be on hand, and the inaugural Hall of Fame induction ceremony will take place, with Dan Leisgang as the first honoree.
- 7) Space Needs:** With 600 students across all sports, gym space for games and practices continues to be a critical need. The A/A takes out a yearly leasing of the Cheviot Fieldhouse, in addition to short term rental of gym spaces in several area schools. Lack of a second onsite gym hinders the A/A from being able to host indoor tournaments.

**SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVdP) CONFERENCE UPDATE:**

Brian Linnemann gave an update on behalf of Mike Lammers.

- 1) **Upcoming SVdP Conference Event:** On April 5, the St. Ignatius Conference of the SVdP will host an “Exploring Poverty” session in Loyola Hall. The session will offer the perspectives of our neighbors experiencing poverty and will provide insight into barriers to stability and the essential role of relationships in fostering meaningful change. The facilitator is Nicola Peck, formation coordinator of SVdP’s Cincinnati Council.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) **PC Recording Secretary Opening:** Donna Frazee will be stepping down as Recording Secretary in June at the conclusion of the current service year.
- 2) **Exploratory Process for a Building Plan and Capital Campaign:** Discussion was had this evening on facilities needs. A second gym, a Gathering Space for the church, and additional meeting rooms for church/school-related activities are the top three needs.  
**By unanimous vote of the 9 members present this evening, Pastoral Council recommended that Fr. Umberg begin an exploratory process to investigate feasibility for a Building Plan and Capital Campaign.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) **Pastoral Council Elections:** There are 4 spots open on PC Term Year 2028. Announcements of elections and a call for candidates began on March 23. This weekend, Interest Cards will be in the pews, and a speaker from PC will make an announcement before all Masses. Mike Essen is coordinating speakers and will provide a script. A new PC Job Description is up on the PC landing page of the parish website, along with a new PC contact email for general inquiries. An Interest Button has also been added. Mike is finalizing the Elections Process Schedule and Template. April 7 is the deadline to submit an interest form. If more than 4 candidates apply, elections will be held at all the Masses on the weekend of May 17/18, with provisions for voting at the Parish Office.
- 2) **PC Commissions Reporting Schedule:** Mike Essen continues to work on an updated reporting schedule and hopes to present it at the May meeting.
- 3) **PC Term Year 2027 Opening:** With the untimely passing of PC member Gregory Male, Council has an opening on Term Year 2027. Fr. Umberg is consulting with PC members, the Director of Finance & Administration, and the Principal to name a replacement.

**PASTOR’S REMARKS:**

- 1) **Staff Changes:** Amy Lesko and Elaine Kroger are leaving the Parish Office staff and moving on to other endeavors outside of the parish. Changes in the Worship and Music Director position are also in process.
- 2) **Super Thursdays:** Two more evenings remain in Lent, beginning with Mass at 5:30pm and a potluck soup dinner at 6:00pm. Stations of the Cross will follow the supper on April 3, and the Scriptural Rosary will follow the supper on April 10. About 100 people per week attended the first 4 evenings, and videos of the talks are on the parish YouTube channel.
- 3) **Further Sanctuary Modifications:** The short set of steps on the sacristy side of the sanctuary will be reworked and elongated, for safety considerations.

- 4) **New Procedures for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Training /refresher sessions for new and current Eucharistic ministers were held in March. Videos will be posted online. The new procedures have streamlined the process considerably.
- 5) **Beautification Committee:** Fr. Umberg would like to assemble a committee to create a plan for repainting the rest of the sanctuary and the nave. He is hoping to have the painting done in Summer of 2026.
- 6) **Holy Thursday Washing of the Feet:** This year, Fr. Tran is looking for 5-6 people from PC to volunteer to have their feet washed during the Holy Thursday Mass.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Alan Gerken

**NEXT MEETING:** May 6, 2025, at 7:00 pm, in the School Library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Frazee  
Pastoral Council Recording Secretary