

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 6, 2025

AT-LARGE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lisa Alt, Judi Blank, Lori Bernard, Mikey Disbennett, Mike Essen, Alan Gerken, Karen Hultquist, Gina Leraneth

AT-LARGE MEMBERS ABSENT: Bridget Eichhold, Karen Kovacs, Brian Linnemann, Nick Roos

CLERGY IN ATTENDANCE: Fr. Andrew Umberg

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Donna Frazee, Madalyn Hardig

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-President Mike Essen

OPENING PRAYER: Fr. Umberg

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS PASTORAL COUNCIL (PC) MEETING MINUTES:

Lori Bernard made a motion to approve the April 2025 meeting minutes. She was seconded by Gina Leraneth. Motion passed unanimously.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (CGS) REPORT:

Madalyn Hardig reported on the history and current needs of the CGS program at St. Ignatius Parish and School. CGS is a Montessori-based catechetical program that is designed to make concrete the most essential aspects of the Catholic faith, through its focus on Scripture and liturgy. It takes place in a specially curated classroom space, known as the "Atrium." Strong emphasis is given to catechesis on Holy Mass and centering students in a life of prayer. There is also a sacramental prep component for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Sessions are currently available for parishioners aged 3-12, either during school hours (for those enrolled in St. I's Preschool-Grade 1) or after school for grades 2 and higher. The program is experiencing growing pains at the moment, and high enrollments are producing needs in the following areas: trained catechists/volunteers, classroom space, and schedule space for optimal session delivery. After the meeting this evening, Ms. Hardig gave PC a tour of the current Atrium spaces on campus.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) New At-Large Member on Term Year 2027:** Judi Blank was welcomed to PC this evening. She will fulfill the late Gregory Male's unexpired term and serve with Karen Hultquist, Gina Leraneth, and Brian Linnemann until June 2027.
- 2) Election of 2025-26 PC Vice-President:** Gina Leraneth was elected PC Vice-President for the 25-26 service year. She will serve as PC President during the 26-27 service year.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Pastoral Council Elections:** There are 4 spots open on PC Term Year 2028. Six candidates have agreed to sit for elections. Elections will be held at all the Masses on the weekend of May 17/18, with provisions for voting at the Parish Office.

PASTOR'S REMARKS:

- 1) Sanctuary Steps Renovation:** The short set of steps on either side of the sanctuary will be reworked and elongated, to bring them in line with the center altar steps.
- 2) New Procedures for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Servers:** The new EMHC procedures are working well. A new Server Handbook will be coming out soon, and training for incoming 5th graders will be scheduled.
- 3) 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.

CLOSING PRAYER: Mikey Disbennett

NEXT MEETING: June 3, 2025, at 7:00 pm, in the School Library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Frazee
Pastoral Council Recording Secretary