

APPROVED MINUTES

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA PASTORAL COUNCIL NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

November 4, 2025

AT-LARGE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Judi Blank, Bridget Eichhold, Mike Essen, Alan Gerken, Karen Hultquist, Gina Leranath, Jim Macke, Greg Niehaus, Dennis Wiwi

AT-LARGE MEMBERS ABSENT: John Bedel, Mickey Disbennett, Brian Linnemann

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Nancy Brunemann

CALL TO ORDER: President Mike Essen

OPENING PRAYER: Gina Leranath

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS PASTORAL COUNCIL (PC) MEETING MINUTES:

- Gina Leranath made a motion to approve the October, 2025 meeting minutes. She was seconded by Greg Niehaus. Motion passed unanimously.

INTRODUCTIONS

- Given that this is Nancy Brunemann's first meeting as PC Secretary, each member provided a brief introduction of themselves.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) **Further Festival Comment:** The suggestion was made that Scouts might be a reasonable solution to the parking challenge presented during the parish festival. A brief discussion followed and members expressed concern for the Scouts' safety. The festival committee is aware of recent parking issues and will work on improvements for next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) **Thanksgiving coffee and donuts:** Gina led a discussion regarding the Parish custom of providing coffee and donuts following the Thanksgiving morning mass celebration. Fr. Umberg suggested that the PC coordinate this effort through the Evangelization Committee. Gina will contact the Committee to be sure that the necessary supplies are ordered. Bridget and Mike are planning to provide PC representation at the event. All others are welcome to attend as well.

2) **Worship Commission Update:**

- 1) **Worship Commission (WC)** is currently creating a summary of the WC duties and will deliver that report to Fr. Umberg and Fr. Tran by November 11, 2025.
- 2) **Children of Mary Adoration:** We are actively working with the Children of Mary as they strive to revive the Eucharistic adoration at St. Ignatius Parish. The goal is to encourage volunteers to commit an hour of their time on a Thursdays to visit the church to adore the Eucharist while it is displayed in the Church. Adjustments were suggested to make the adoration SignUp Genius easier to use. Further details to follow.

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- 3) **Liturgical Ministries:** There is a great need at all of Masses for people to help in the Hospitality ministry—sacristans, ushers, greeters, and collection coordinators. Fr. Umberg intends to ask the congregation for these volunteer needs.
- 4) **The season of Advent:** The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is on Monday, December 8 and is a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Masses will be celebrated at 7 AM, 9:15 AM, 2 PM and 7 PM.
- 5) **Confession Schedule:** Priests will be available on Thursday, December 18 to hear confessions from 10 AM to 7 PM.
- 6) **Christmas Mass Schedule:** Christmas masses are scheduled for 3:00 PM (w/ 2nd mass in gym), 5:00 PM, & 10:00 PM on Christmas Eve and 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12:00 PM on Christmas Day.
- 7) **New Years Mass Schedule:** Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God will be celebrated at 4:30 PM on New Years Eve and 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12:00 PM, on New Years Day.

PASTOR'S REMARKS:

- 1) **Personnel Review:** We still have an opening for an Executive Secretary in the church office. We are currently covering these duties using 2 temporary hires. The review of the parish staffing needs/levels continues. Fr. will advise the PC at a later date.
- 2) **Potential Changes to the church and school grounds:** Fr. Umberg discussed the purchase of storage units located at the rear of the parking lot, one to alleviate the Church's growing needs and the other to be used by Green Township Police Dept. He also updated PC on ongoing formation of a construction committee for the master plan improvements (church gathering space, 2nd gym, more meeting rooms). Due to the urgent need for meeting space and expected long time frame for the gathering space & gym, Fr. Umberg is seriously considering selling the Ignatius center across the street and installing a modular structure in an area behind the school. The structure can be available quickly, w/ plumbing and HVAC, and cost would be offset with the sale of Ignatius Center, providing more effective meeting space on the parish campus for church ministries and school needs.
- 3) **Additional Updates:** Parish employee evaluations and updates to the employee handbook are ongoing. Mass server training continues. The suggestion was made to hold these trainings immediately after school rather than during the busy evening hours. Church decoration planning continues for the upcoming Christmas season including the construction of a crib scene. Fr. Umberg will provide more information to the PC prior to any expenditures on this matter.

NEXT MEETING: December 2, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the School Library

CLOSING PRAYER: Gina Leranath

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Brunemann

Pastoral Council Recording Secretary