

APPROVED MINUTES

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA PASTORAL COUNCIL MAY MEETING MINUTES

May 5, 2026

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

AT-LARGE MEMBERS ABSENT: John Bedel, Brian Linneman

CLERGY IN ATTENDANCE: Fr. Andrew Umberg

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Angie Heisel, Nancy Brunemann

CALL TO ORDER: President Mike Essen

OPENING PRAYER: Fr. Umberg

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS PASTORAL COUNCIL (PC) MEETING MINUTES:

- Dennis Wiwi made a motion to approve the April, 2026 PC meeting minutes. He was seconded by Gina Leranthe. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Council Vice President for next year

- **2026-27 Pastoral Council Vice President:** Jim Macke has volunteered to serve as the Council's VP for the upcoming year. Gina Leranthe made a motion to accept Jim as the incoming VP. She was seconded by Greg Niehaus. The motion passed unanimously.

2. 2026-27 PC election update

- Gina shared that we have received 4 bios for the vacancies on the Council for the next year. There is no need to hold elections as this number equals the number of people interested in filling the positions. Gina will request that Chris Denman post the bios on FlockNotes. The new members will be informed about the results and invited to attend the June meeting.

3. School Update by Angie Heisel

- The school committee, which operates similarly to the Pastoral Council but provides ideas and guidance to the school principal rather than to the pastor, has received 6 candidate applications for 3 openings on the committee. Angie is currently assessing the interest levels of these candidates and will be filling the available positions on the committee.
- Teacher Appreciation week began on May 4th. The last day of school will be Thursday, May 28 with graduation being held the week prior. Enrollment total for the 2026-27 school year is 1181 (the current school year has 1171 students). This means that the school will be at full capacity for the upcoming school year with 120 students in each grade, K-8.
- There are a number of staff and administration changes upcoming for next year. Four teachers have resigned but these positions have already been filled. Additionally, the school administration will see some changes. We will now be structured to run more

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like a high school, adding a second administrator position to the staff. This addition will allow the principal to spend more time on budgeting, soliciting donors and safety and security.

- Other school efforts include a faculty brainstorming exercise to help students reduce screen and tech time and the school will be taking over control of the annual golf outing. The proceeds from this event are used to help families in need of tuition assistance.
- Angie and Fr. Umberg announced the adoption of new logos for both St. Ignatius School and St. Ignatius Church.

PASTOR'S REMARKS:

- **Church Improvements:**

- Fr. Umberg reviewed a number of church happenings as follows:
 - He is hoping to form a decoration committee to assist him with church updates
 - He would like to update the Joseph and Mary niches
 - He continues to consider/research a Stations of the Cross update to be completed by next Ash Wednesday
 - Loyola Hall has been painted
 - The church will be painted in July
 - Modifications are planned for the school front office
 - All of the above mentioned changes have already been included in the current approved budget.
- Staff turnover in the St. Ignatius church office has been noticeably higher than normal.
 - This is due to the new parish structure received from the Archdiocese office downtown.
 - Fr. Umberg reminded the council that while Mary Dadosky was hired as the Director of Finance/Accounting and the Chief Administrator of HR, he continues to be in charge of the overall parish operations.
 - Our parish has experienced a lot of changes over the past 10 years. He holds firm to the concept that office personnel are not permitted to act on their own accord without being directed by the pastor.

NEXT MEETING: June 2, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the School Library

CLOSING PRAYER: Fr. Umberg

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Brunemann

Pastoral Council Recording Secretary