

APPROVED MINUTES

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA PASTORAL COUNCIL MAY MEETING MINUTES

August 4, 2026

AT-LARGE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: John Bedel, Judy Blank, Craig Hoffman, Karen Hultquist, Colin Lang, Gina Leranthe, Jim Macke, Greg Niehaus, Chris Schulte, Dennis Wiwi

AT-LARGE MEMBERS ABSENT: Byron Lewis, Brian Linneman

CLERGY IN ATTENDANCE: Fr. Andrew Umberg, Fr. Thomas Dorn

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Nancy Brunemann

CALL TO ORDER: Gina Leranthe

OPENING PRAYER: Fr. Umberg

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS PASTORAL COUNCIL (PC) MEETING MINUTES:

- Karen Hultquist made a motion to approve the June, 2026 PC meeting minutes. She was seconded by Jim Macke. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gina announced that due to job changes and other family commitments, Brian Linneman has resigned his Council position immediately. Rather than fill this now vacant position, Fr. determined that this final year of Brian's 3 year term will be left unfilled until next year's Parish wide council election. She circulated a council personnel roster, asking that everyone update their contact information.

As a review, Gina reminded that group that we will meet from now until next June on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm in the Parish Library.

1. Monthly meetings are as follows for the 2026-2027 school year:
 - September 1
 - October 6
 - November 3
 - December 1
 - January 5
 - February 2
 - March 2
 - April 6
 - May 4
 - June 1
2. Bylaw discussion: Gina briefly addressed the Pastoral Council Bylaws and the need to review and updated them this year. She will retrieve a copy of the current document and circulate to the group for further discussion at an upcoming meeting.

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3. New Associate Pastor: Fr. Dorn provided a brief introduction of himself to the group. He has been in the priesthood for 23 years and, among other duties in the Parish, he will assume leadership of the OCIA program and be working with the Youth of the parish.

PASTOR'S REMARKS: Summer Update

- Work has begun on a number of remodeling projects in and around the church. As these projects evolved, it became obvious that, due to the enormity of these tasks, and the fact that many of these items need to be worked simultaneously, much of this work will need to be postponed into next summer, following the 2026-2027 school year. These tasks include:
 - Repainting the interior of the church,
 - Enhance the Stations of the Cross (prior to June, 2027),
 - Complete the updates/movement of the Holy Family statue niches to be closer to the celebration of the liturgy,
 - Flooring updates in the church and
 - Enhancements to the church sound system.
 - A suggestion was made to clean the pews while these other changes are happening as well as a suggestion to update the safety of the front railings.
 - Any possibility of relocating the choir to rear of the church?
 - As surrounding churches are shuttered, perhaps there is availability of some gently used (but in good condition) assets that are no longer needed by these churches.

Church office updates, including counter and cabinetry enhancements, space for a copier and fine tuning the Parish Office doorbell are all underway.

With a show of hands, the council voted unanimously to move forward with the pending changes as one big project in an effort to finish the beautification of St Ignatius Church.

Once we have successfully achieved the updates currently being considered, budgeted and implemented for the church, we will then be able to consider some sort of a campaign drive to address "The Dream" of a new gym, additional classroom space and a gathering space for the church community.

NEXT MEETING: September 1, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the School Library

CLOSING PRAYER: Fr. Umberg

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Brunemann

Pastoral Council Recording Secretary