

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Attendees: Jonathan Amos, Fr Joe Connelly (Pastor), Lourdes Rivera, Pat Ryan (Parish Administrator), Steve Sims (Trustee), Cara Barone, Pat Dolan, Sonya Coelho, Marymartha Heasley, Debbie Stadt. **Guest:** Anne Erickson

Absentee: Mike Braun (Deacon), Matthew Amos

1. Call to order: 5:15 P.M.
2. Opening prayer: Hail Mary, led by Fr. Joe
3. Approval of April minutes: Motion to approve the minutes as read was made by Debbie Stadt and seconded by Cara Barone.
4. First Aid incident reports: Anne Erickson from the Guardian Angels Health and Wellness committee spoke on safety and presented a scenario in order to quickly identify where the AEDs, First Aid Kits, and Incident Report Forms are located throughout G.A. Five locations were mentioned, to include:
 1. Holy Family Room
 2. Alongside lower level elevator
 3. Outside G.A. Perks
 4. POH right side of stage (facing stage)
 5. Adjacent to the kitchen

Two outdated AEDs will soon be replaced with Phillip brand machines, courtesy of the Men's and Women's Clubs. These AEDs "talk to you" and clearly walk you through the process of operation. The First Aid Kits are there also, and provide basic items comprising two sides of the kit. All AEDs are checked regularly by GA maintenance personnel.

Incident Report Forms have been updated, and can be found in a red folder by the First Aid Kits. Completed Incident Forms go to a GA staff person. Pat Ryan then completes and submits the form to Catholic Mutual for insurance and legal purposes to help protect the church, the person assisting, and the injured. Catholic Mutual completes with follow up calls to GA and to others involved to ensure that procedures are handled properly.

Ann reiterated to NEVER HESITATE TO CALL 911. A comprehensive article will come

out in the next Angel News.

5. Input from parishioners:

-A concern arose as to why there is a delay in getting the minutes posted online. It was decided that the minutes will now get approved via an email vote within 2 weeks of meeting and placed on Guardian Angels website under 'resources'. At times of the year when there are no meetings, there will be a notice in that section of the website. -Others raised positive comments, as well as concerns over the recent announcement of Chesterton Academy coming to GA in the future. As to date, this is not a "done deal", as GA is still in the lease negotiation process. Chesterton is running out of space at its current location in Stillwater, and their rent is no longer conducive for them. They understand that they will be obligated to pay for all things pertaining to the school and GA will continue to pay for our regular maintenance needs, as always. There are several benefits of having Chesterton as a tenant. They were clearly spelled out in the May 3rd Bulletin insert. Pat Dolan has prepared talking points that can be used to clearly and succinctly give pertinent information. Updates will continue to be provided as the process moves forward.

6. JOC update: **Justice & Outreach(Pastoral)**

Respect Life. We went to GALA for Options East and have Mothers Day flowers this weekend

Refugee Resettlement; we continue to help our sponsor families each month; and deliver meals affected by the Immigration ICE situation and are reaching out to Tent Camp in St Paul

Loaves & Fishes. This group continues to serve each month on the 2nd of each Sunday from 2:45-6pm. Looking for more volunteers but will have signup on the 1st week in June with plate collection.

Food Shelf Garden. John Capecchi will work with about 15 GA people with small plots in the existing garden area

Open Cupboard...we raised about \$4500 on a 2nd collection for them on the weekend of April 18/19. They are the largest food shelf distribution in all of Minnesota per their director. It is wonderful it is on our campus.

Sister Parish. Our Lady of Guadalupe.. Deacon Luis wants to come to the parish to show us some ideas in the next few months.

Giving Center. Working with parishioners and others to limit clothes to new and good if this is possible. We work with others and give gift cards and gas vouchers out to 10

people in March

Pastoral Work is going well

1. We have 30 people signed up for grief ministry; 20 or more per

group; 2. Cancer group has 10 people at each meeting

3. Prison penpal has 25 active writers and 12-15 is the number of people at each meeting; we have speakers each month; birthday card writing is also going well.

4. Befrienders has 17 people and on average 12 people come each month to the meetings.

5. We go out to 20 people for homebound to their homes; we are actively helping at Oak Meadows & Boulder Ponds with some partnerships to help them engage with other GA people and their residents.

7. Engagement Commission: will be taking a break for the summer. The St. Michael Award recipient, along with the GA Award person have been identified for June.

8. Faith Formation: Three programs for this summer are: Totus Tuus Youth Program (July 12-17); Summer Stretch Middle School Service Program (June 10-17 & July 8 & 22); and Youth Mission Trip.

9. Chesterton Academy updates: The process to receive approval from the Archdiocese is currently underway, along with continued meetings with Fr. Joe, the Trustees, Legal, and the Finance Council. (* Please refer to additional information under item #5 above)

10. Sanctuary updates: Scarfone Architectural Firm, is meeting this week with Father Joe with more detailed sketches. The completed proxy will be signed by Trustees and will be presented to the Archdiocese. The next step is the Steering Committee meeting for review and consideration. Things are moving along as scheduled and updates to the parish will be made available as they are firmed up.

11. The Archbishop's Letter: This year's theme for the Synod is the "Family". Archbishop Hebda will publicly release his Pastoral Letter on May 13th. The letter encourages families to bond together through all of life's ups and downs. Perhaps GA ministries, such as Prison, Men and Women's Clubs, etc. will have active conversations around this initiative. At the June 9th meeting, the Parish Council will discuss this important

letter directed at families.

12. Other additions: Nothing further

The meeting concluded at 6:00 P.M. with a prayer.

13. Next meeting: June 9th at 5:15 P.M.

* Note: There will be no July meeting

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Stadt