

# PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026 - 6:30 PM

St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish Hall

**Attendees:** Gaby Andrea, Fr. James Belogi, Eleanor Bradley, Christine Cioffi, Justine Crevatas, Bob DiCostanzo, Joan Duda, Debbie Fontes, Betsy Glasser, Anna Hartz, Fran Mitchell, Nancy Moscheo, Fr. Anthony Onu, Julius Pasquariello, Kathleen Riordan, Joanne Russell, Kelly Sloan, Donna Simone, Joanne Tuchovsky, Christopher Wertman, Alyssa Sarrosa (guest), Bruce Smith (guest)

**Excused:** Gloria Towle-Hilt, Thomas Poznanski, Richard Leet, Nancy Lussier, Teshia Gutchell, Arthur Foo, Terri Bouchard

The meeting was called to order by Joanne at 6:31 PM.

Opening prayer by Kelly Sloan and all.

## 1) Approval of Minutes

The January Council meeting minutes were approved with revisions by Anna Hartz and seconded by Betsy Glasser. Motion carried.

## 2) Ministry Updates

- Women's Club (Joanne Russell)
- SGA Finance & Administration Report (Fr. Jim)
  - *\*See Attachment 1\**

## 3) Old Business

- Revision of Mission Statement (Anna)
  - Tabled until March Council meeting.
- Egg Hunt Planning Update (Anna)
  - Status: Event to be held at 1:00 on Sunday, March 29th in the Parish Center (which has been reserved).
  - Donations of egg stuffers and prizes will be collected Feb 28th - March 23rd. Signups will begin February 28th.
  - Additional volunteers are welcome to help run games.
  - More information to come in the Parish Bulletins.
- SMS Finance Council Meeting Updates/Fundraising Updates from January 20th (Fr Jim and Bob).
  - The Finance Council met on January 20th at Saint Madeleine Sophie.
  - Father Jim met with Deacon Willbert.

- Deacon Willbert will be present at the next Finance Council meeting.
- Approach for sustainable parish budget is through increased offertory.
- Work to be current in the operating budget and remaining balanced.

#### **4) New Business**

- Hospitality and Lent (Anna)
  - Hospitality will be moved from the first to the second weekend of April (11th & 12th) due to Easter.

#### **5) Community Events & Devotions**

Christ child society events (Anna)

- Sewing Event:
  - Sewing event February 7th 10:30 AM-12:30 PM.
  - Making backpacks.
- Blaze pizza fundraiser:
  - Thursday February 12th 4 PM-7 PM.
  - Must present a physical coupon or on the phone.
- Bake sale at SMS:
  - February 13th and 14th after masses.

(Donna)

- Innergenerational lenten event:
  - March 14th at 2 PM at Saint Gabriel's gym.
  - Activities for kids and adults.
  - Lenten crafts.
  - Sandwich making.
  - Sign up genius coming soon.

(Kelly)

- SMS Gala of giving:
  - March 21st at 6:00 PM.
  - Food by Canalis, Simones Kitchen & more.
  - Music by DJ Ketchup.

#### **6) Pastor's Comments (Fr. Jim)**

- Last meeting reported that the Remade for Mission was put on pause, it has since then been ended.
- The Bishop felt that the process was not appropriate.
- The Bishop has shifted focus to creating a game plan, based on the Parish community and how we see our Parish communities moving forward.

- The Bishop believes each Parish must have its own agency, he is open to creativity with Parish visions moving forward (SGA and SMS will be viewed as separate entities and not as one body).
- No Parish will close unless the community feels there is no way forward.
- Father Jim does not anticipate Parish wide meetings until the Spring time.
- Bishop reverts back to revitalization of the Church and filling the pews.

## **7) Adjournment**

- Reminder of next Council meeting and opening and closing prayer
- Next meeting is March 3rd, opening prayer is Joanne Russell and Closing Prayer will be from Betsy Glasser.

Motion to adjourn by Eleanor Bradley seconded by Fran Mitchell. Motion carried.

## **8) Closing Prayer**

Read by Kathleen Riordan and all

**Meeting adjourned: 7:55 PM**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Christopher Wertman**

**\*ATTACHMENT 1\***

**2/3/2026 Pastoral Council Finance Update for St. Gabriels and SMS**

**St. Gabriels**

Christmas Collection	2025	\$8,834	
	2024	\$12,576	
	2023	\$11,438	
	2022	\$10,205	
Diocesan Appeal	Assessment	\$41,693	
	Collected	\$8,075	
	Remaining	\$33,618	
Regular Offertory	7/25-12/25	\$111,803	
	7/24-6/25	\$205,446	Full year
	7/23-6/24	\$197,686	Full Year

**SMS**

Christmas Collection	2025	\$23,544	
	2024	\$23,944	
	2023	\$16,628	
	2022	\$24,226	
Diocesan Appeal	Assessment	\$111,459	
	Collected	\$45,359	
	Remaining	\$51,100	
Regular Offertory	7/25-12/25	\$310,491	
	7/24-6/25	\$592,155	Full year
	7/23-6/24	\$566,849	Full Year