

St. Joseph Pastoral Council Meeting Notes

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

Attendees:

Claudia Hernandez, Eugene Holub, Felipe Pacheco, Pete Zenner, and Father John Boiko

- The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. Father opened the meeting with a prayer. The minutes of our October 28th meeting were read and approved; Pete and Claudia made the 1st and 2nd motions, respectively.
- New Pastoral Council Member: It was reported that we had received 4 nominees for Maria Santellano's replacement on the Pastoral Council. The final voting is to take place in December, maybe December 6th. It was discussed that whoever is elected must become EIM certified, if they are not already.
- Fundraising: The Fundraising Committee, headed by Pete Zenner, has met three times. The first meeting was held to introduce everyone and get to know each other. In the second meeting, subcommittees were formed to handle the various aspects of the "Mayfest". The Goals of the committee are to bring the parish together as one community of believers and to raise funds for the parish. On the weekend of December 13th/14th an announcement will be made about the need for volunteers to help with the festival, and an introduction of the subcommittee chairpersons will be made. The date for the festival is May 3rd, 2026. The next meeting will be on December 8th at 7pm.
- Building Project: Pete and Father are still pursuing a master plan.
- Maintenance: More discussion was held on regular maintenance of the parish buildings and facilities. This has been done on a volunteer basis in the past, but a more timely maintenance operation is needed. The Finance Committee needs to weigh in on this.
- Organization Reports:
 - The KC's had no one to make a report.
 - The Guadalupanas had nothing to report.
 - The Ladies Altar Society had no one to make a report. It was mentioned that The Altar Society will be having their annual fundraiser on December 6 and are selling raffle tickets after all Masses.
- If you have any updates for the website, please contact Eugene.
- Father John suggested we have a church cleaning day: Clean windows, dust statues, pews, replace air filters, etc. It was mentioned that the Altar Society should provide cleaning supplies. The question of date came up but was not resolved. Also, it was brought up about a cracked stained glass window needing repair.

- Felipe Pacheco has volunteered to replace the church sign with a metal frame. Once he has finished we will have a new sign made, maybe using Rockdale Signs.
- Eugene checked on the bell system that is not working. He believes the time keeping issue can be solved but found that the bell amplifier is not turning on. He will check on replacement cost for the component.
- Eugene will work up a new church sign design and bring it to the Pastoral Council for input and editing.
- Re-registering the parish families was discussed, as currently our records are not very good. There are several sources of “registered members” that cannot be reconciled. This may take place in January of 2026.
- Under “New Business”: Father mentioned that he thought it would be a good idea to rename the Cooke House to something more meaningful to the parish. Also, we could name the “backyard” area as well. We even discussed naming the new property. No names were agreed upon at this meeting.
- The next meeting was scheduled for January 6th, after the 6pm Mass.
- The meeting was adjourned with a prayer from Father at 8:45 pm.