

St. Joseph Pastoral Council Meeting Notes

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Attendees:

Eugene Holub, Chad Ehler, Kenny Svrcek, Minnie Pesl, Felipe Pacheco, Jeff Zapata, and Father John Boiko

- Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. Father opened the meeting with a prayer. The minutes of our January 6th meeting were read individually and approved; Minnie made the 1st motion to approve, Kenny made the 2nd motion. Minutes were approved. (New member, Jeff Zapata was not at the previous meeting.)

- New Pastoral Council Member

Jeff Zapata, representing the Sunday 9AM Mass was in attendance for the first time. Jeff will replace Eugene. Again, it was discussed that whoever is elected must become EIM certified; everyone in attendance verbally verified that they were compliant. Election of new officers for the council was discussed and since not all were present it was decided to elect officers at the next meeting. Also, it was mentioned by Eugene that he will change the FlockNote administrator of the group once the new Facilitator is elected. Photos of all members will be taken at the next meeting for the website and the picture frame in the Narthex of the church.

- Deacon Gus

A brief discussion took place concerning Deacon Gus' reception at the KC Hall. All thought it was very successful.

- Fundraising

Pete was not in attendance to report, however the following was discussed: The donations for the raffle are nearing \$10,000. Father announced that there would be a Saturday night Mass for the workers and that there would be one Sunday bilingual Mass at 9:00 to kick off the Mayfest. We were also reminded that we should try to tie the "Feast of St. Joseph The Worker" into our Mayfest event. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for February 19th at 7PM.

- Building Project

No new developments on the master plan. It was mentioned that we should probably have an official ceremony to rededicate the "Cooke House" to the "Dominican House" in honor of the Dominicans of our parish. More discussion ensued names for the area between the Education

Building and the “Dominican House”. Suggestions for this area included: St. Ann Plaza in honor of the original Catholic Hispanic parish in the area and the South Yard. Suggestions were also made for the land acquired east of the parish: The East Parking Lot and Father Michael McGivney Lot. It was decided to canvass the congregation for suggestions and put something in the bulletin.

- Bell

- It was reported by Eugene that we have received the amplifier for the bell system. Eugene will install it in the near future. He is also working on getting the cameras to project to the cry room TV.

- Church Sign

Eugene reported that a 4' x 8' 2-sided aluminum sign (coated) would cost \$532; he had a printout from the online company that the sign would be ordered from (buildasign.com). He asked the council for any more changes to the layout of the sign. Father John made one change on the wording, changing “Spanish” to “Espanol”. Eugene will make that change and then order the sign. Lighting for the sign was talked about. It was decided that we could just use solar powered LED lights. Felipe suggested that he could build some brackets to mount the lights on.

- Social Ministry Guidelines

A draft was given to Father John for his edits and approval.

- Organization Reports

- The KC's are getting ready for the annual Lenten Fish Fry. It was announced that they would be making coleslaw on Sunday at 9:00AM. All are welcomed to help. Eugene has already added a News Event to the website about the Fish Fry.
- The Guadalupanas have two new members. They will have their monthly meeting on Saturday. They are also praying a Rosary at the nursing home on Wednesday.
- The Ladies Altar Society donated \$1000 to the raffle for “Mayfest”.
- A discussion about the youth of our parish helping organizations with their events for service to the church. Maybe then the organizations would be more apt to help them when they request donations to events and conferences.

- Maintenance:

- Items discussed included:
 - Lighting needs around the church – Jeff was asked to come up with an estimate of what it would cost to upgrade the lights. Also, after some discussion about the mercury vapor light on the pole next to the north parking lot, Kenny said he could report it to Oncor.
 - Electrical safety inspections – we talked about the need for safety inspections. Safety cannot be compromised. Jeff may help us out on this since he is a licensed electrician.
 - Father needs some tree trimming at the Rectory. Chad said some KC members could get together to take care of it.

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. All agreed that preventative maintenance is what we need to help avoid major costly repairs. It was mentioned that Richard did take care of cutting off the water before the major freeze we just endured; good job! Father reported that we could pay a person up to 5 hours per week to help in this area, and then when something more significant happens we would pay to get it repaired. Kenny said he would take care of the maintenance for nothing since it is his church. After more discussion, it was decided that Kenny and Richard should work together to take care of the maintenance with a focus on preventative maintenance. Also, they would both need keys to all the buildings. Maria needs be informed to make key copies. As a side note, we still need to know who in the parish has which keys.

- 150th Parish Anniversary in 2030

Father John wants the parish to start having events each year leading up to the 150th parish anniversary in 2030. The topic was discussed with a list of some brainstorming ideas from the previous meeting (see minutes from the January meeting). It was suggested that a 150th Anniversary Committee be formed. Members of the council should ask for volunteers.

- Website

Eugene mentioned that since he will be off the Pastoral Council, it is important that items for the website be sent to his email address: music@stjosephrockdale.org

- Other Business

- Confirmation Mass will be March 8th at 3:00 pm.
- The Holy Land folks will be here on the weekend of the 14th/15th.

- Adjournment

- The next meeting was scheduled for March 5th, after the 6pm Mass, ~7pm.
- Motions were made and approved to adjourn.
- The meeting was adjourned with prayer, led by Father at 8:35 pm.

- The next meeting was scheduled for March 5th, after the 6pm Mass, ~7pm.
- The meeting was adjourned with a prayer from Father at 8:25 pm.