

APPROVED St. Theresa Pastoral Council Meeting

November 20, 2025

“Yours are the Hands, with which He blesses all the world”

Present: Fr. Jordan, Fr. Denny, Kathy Scherbarth, Darlene Sterzinger, Chris Suchomski, Jodie Kujawa, Mary Bishop, Patrice Farrell, Sean Hegarty, Claudette Krestan, Erin Kupkovitz, Mary Markham

Excused: Greg Wallace

Opening Prayer: Opening prayer was held in church with a reflection by Fr. Jordan

OLD BUSINESS:

Committee Reports

Liturgy: Claudette reported that the Christmas decoration set up will be Tuesday, Dec 23. Choir has been practicing and announce special programs on Dec 20th @ 3:45 and after the 8:30 Mass on Dec 21st. Christmas Masses: 4:30 Christmas Eve and 8:30 Christmas morning; the choir will be singing for both. New Year’s Day Mass is at St. Theresa at 8:00 am. Sacristans have been requested, besides their regular duties, to set up for Baptisms that are at Mass, and funeral set up. There will be directions for those who are scheduled, or volunteer for funerals. There will be CPR training for other ministries, TBA. The committee also discussed Advent Breakfast on the 1st Sunday of Advent, Nov 30th, 2025.

Faith Formation: Jodie said the Faith Formation program is working well together. Jenny Kluck, Child Formation coordinator, and Thaddeus Loduha, Youth Formation coordinator, have expressed their appreciation for all volunteers and help they have received. Jenny & Thaddeus are hoping to have an appreciation dinner for those who have been involved. First Holy Communion, May 3rd, 2026, will be at St. Theresa. Jodi expressed that the committee works well together and things are getting done.

Stewardship: The date has been confirmed for February 7th & 8th 2026 for the Time and Talent Fair. Human Concerns: Activities included a blood drive, St. Vincent de Paul clothing collection and the 2nd Collection for Fr. Anthony Corcoran’s mission for Kyrgyzstan.

Mary Markham/Deanery Report: There are representatives from St. James the Less and St. Theresa, but not from St. Peter’s. Father explained that they may have been in a different deanery because they were not in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee prior to the collaboration. Mary will check. The meetings will be in April and October.

Archbishop Grob is happy to see the Deanery so vital and has asked that Arch staff attend the meetings also. This will provide quick feedback for the archbishop. He also was pleased to announce that there are 90 seminarians, 43 of which are for the Milwaukee Archdiocese. Mary also shared that Fr. John Burns has been appointed to the Support for Women's Ministry; Sister Diana appointed Vicar. The LOA projects are starting to be completed around the diocese. Darlene added that seminarian John Francis has been meeting with the Parish Teaching team.

Turkey Dinner: Kathy reported that with having a better control of inventory; the generous donation of the turkeys again this year; raffle tickets and country store sales were all helpful in a successful event. Although there is a preliminary income, there are still a few bills to be paid. Results will be posted in the bulletin.

NEW BUSINESS

- A suggestion was made for a possible "PASTOR'S WISH LIST. Suggestions were discussed regarding what types of items could be requested. Examples: framed Divine Mercy poster for the area of Reconciliation; Precious Blood cups. Father will be thinking about this and asked PC to also consider items.
- We reviewed the joint meeting held in August. Consensus: collaboration is getting stronger.
- Advent by Candlelight will be held at St. Peter's on December 4th at 6:00 pm. It was explained that this is an event that the Council of Catholic Women instituted years ago; St James was the host parish for many years, followed by St. Theresa next and now St. Peters. Collaboration with all 3 parishes. A discussion followed about a previous Christian Women's group that was started at St. T's years ago, before Fr. Mick passed. Patrice would like to see if we can get that started again.
- Patrice also mentioned that she met with Fr. Bob Gossma at Clement Manor recently. He's doing well and enjoying his garden and ministering to the retired people and sisters in the complex.

The meeting ended with a prayer of thanks led by Father Denny. Meeting ended at 7:50 pm

NEXT MEETING - JAN 22, 2026

MAR 19 - MAY 21

Respectfully submitted: Darlene Sterzinger