

THERESA PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING APPROVED Minutes

March 19, 2026

Yours are the hands, with which He blesses all the world

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

Excused: Chris Suchomski

Guest: Jeff & Marsha Mueller (via Zoom)

Opening Prayer: Fr. Jordan started the meeting in church with closing of Adoration and a decade of the rosary

Due to the availability of Jeff & Marsha Mueller's Trinity Window presentation, the OLD Business follows:

- **NEW BUSINESS:**

Regarding the options for the Trinity Window Update: Jeff showed slides of the previous renderings and the updated renderings. The first was with the persons of the Trinity; Jesus with His Cross, the Father as a bearded man and a sunburst with the dove representing the Holy Spirit. The colors were muted but connecting the colors of the church-stained glass windows and the dividers were removed. The second was the original rendering by the artist Ed. Since it was done in colored pencil, the colors were not as vibrant. The third was all symbols of the Trinity. The discussion that followed was regarding human figures vs symbols, painted vs stained glass, costs which need to be determined. A motion was made by Kathy to advance the Trinity Window located at the entrance of the Parish Center, Hwy 59 stained glass window with human figures. The second was made by Sean. Vote carried. Jeff will be checking with the artist, Ed, to get a more complete idea of the final costs on what was suggested.

Continuing with New Business: Darlene presented for discussion the sending of bi-annual rather than quarterly parishioner giving statements. Comments were asking what difference it would have. She explained that with currently 382 families, 336 receive their statements via email, while 46 are mailed, due to lack of electronic capabilities or because they want the paper statement for their files. Costs and time to prepare are of concern.

Regarding annual statements, Sean and Greg stated they liked seeing where

they were in their giving, and a possible solution would be to send a notification in November so that givers could make additional contributions or catch up on their commitment before the end of the year. Biannual statements could be sent if participants want them. This could be done by contacting the parish office and having it emailed or mailed to them. With the same reasoning, if any parishioner would want a statement, they could follow the same procedure. Notification of the change of delivery of statements can be handled in the bulletin and in the monthly newsletter. Patrice made a motion to have one statement per year with the ability to request information if parishioners needed. Motion seconded by Darlene. Motion carried.

After discussion of contributions, Brad Berghouse explained that the PC can be more pastoral/mission oriented, making decisions on the mission of St Theresa, rather than just projects. He hopes that this type of pastoral decision making, by preparing for it now, could come together by Summer of 2027.

Another New Business item was the consideration of combining all three pastoral councils into one council. Right now, it is just a thought, but discussion followed. Meetings would remain every other month as joint meetings. This idea needs more in-depth discussion and go slowly in order to ease into the change.

OLD BUSINESS: Committee Reports

- Liturgy: Palm Sunday and Easter florals were the main topic followed by the organ being moved to the choir loft and the vigil candles taking that place. Framed pictures for the Fellowship Hall are being considered. The need for servers, especially for 4:30 Saturday Mass. Nate Schreiber will be handling the scheduling. Server training will be starting for all 3 parish servers on Saturday Sept 12th. Lastly, Claudette reminded all ministers are to attend the safety meeting at St. James on Saturday March 21st at 9:00 am.
- Faith Formation: Jodie reported the new youth coordinator, Gabby Torres who will be working with the young students and their parents.
- Stewardship: Patrice shared that the Time & Talent Fair went well and the sign up on the website was good. Other sign-up sheets are still being collected and compiled with the on-line returns

CLOSING PRAYER: By Fr Jordan

Meeting ended at 8:10 pm

Next Meeting: May 21, 2026 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Darlene Sterzinger