

APPROVED St. Theresa Pastoral Council Meeting

January 22, 2026

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

Present: Fr. Jordan, Kathy Scherbarth, Darlene Sterzinger, Chris Suchomski, Mary Bishop, Patrice Farrell, Claudette Krestan, Mary Markham, Greg Wallace and Brad Berghouse (DAS)

Excused: Fr. Denny, Sean Hegarty, Erin Kupkovitz, Jodi Kujawa

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Committee Reports

Liturgy: Claudette stated that the committee discussed the upcoming Time & Talent Fair and how liturgy would be presented; volunteers needed for the various areas of ministry. Claudette continued: choir begins practice for Easter on 2/12/26 and concerns about servers and scheduling. More information from Patrice in the Stewardship report.

Faith Formation: Fr. Jordan gave the update on Faith Formation. Jenny Kluck will be moving to Lake Tahoe to be with family, and she is currently working with Gaby Torres, who will be filling the position of grade school formation. She will be reporting to Thaddeus, who has now been appointed to Director of Religious Education (DRE). Fr. Jordan is pleased that this has worked out; Gaby is a mother of a student at St. James Academy.

Stewardship: The date has been confirmed for February 7th & 8th 2026 for the Time and Talent Fair. Patrice led the discussion of the T&T event. Tables with the ministry options will be set up with signs and sign-up sheets for parishioners to fill out. The Newsletter will promote the opportunity to meet ministers and get information of the commitments, duties, etc. Fellowship will be serving food, and a Sign-up Genius will be on the website for those who are able to provide baked goods, etc. The discussion included ideas for family sign up, Pastoral Council interest, and a chance to sign up for any other volunteer activities not listed as ministry. The idea of “Helping Hands” was suggested: if an elderly or needy person needs snow shoveling, fall raking, or summer lawn care, or just help with other simple tasks, there would be a list of those who would be available to assist.

NEW BUSINESS

- Time & Talent Fair was discussed previously under Stewardship
- Memorial Pathway Update: Kathy shared a presentation that the ad hoc committee has been working on for weeks. Local contractor, Achtenhagen, the company that did the landscaping in front of the church and Fellowship Hall, was contacted and created a design that the committee has been working on. Kathy explained the concept and the 3 phases that will take place to get this completed over the next couple of years. Phase I: the contour of the path (after the top of the hill has been modified); Phase II: plantings and filling in with mulch/stone, etc.; Phase III: Bottom of the path, which would be the surface entrance from the parking lot. In this area, and some other small areas, bricks will be placed. These bricks can be a source of donations for loved ones and/or families or businesses. The cost was discussed and the time frame. The ad hoc committee ask the PC for approval to continue with the project. Motion was made by Darlene to approve the continuation with the project and seconded by Claudette. Vote was unanimous with the members present. Motion carried.
- Server Training and Scheduling-Chris explained that there have been concerns regarding the number of servers at the 2 Masses. Saturday evening there is an issue with getting enough. Sunday morning, there can be as many as 4 or 5 servers coming, just showing up. Chris, his wife Megan and their son, Charlie (12 yr), went over the procedures and duties of servers. There will be mandatory Servers' training with the help of Nate Schreiber. Date and more information to be sent out soon.
- Director of Administrative Services (DAS): Brad Berghouse was introduced to the PC as the person who will be handling the work that Becky Baker, who has moved on to another career. Brad has been working with the secretaries, bookkeepers and Trustees from the 3 parishes of the Southern Moraine. In just these few weeks there have many positive changes; utilizing the talents of staff, programs for the accounting that helps the 3 parishes separate, but the work at one site. Much of the work he will be doing will take a lot of concerns off Fr. Jordan's shoulders. Brad has worked for 7 years at the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and has many years of business and administrative experience.
- Discussion regarding the Trinity window above the front doors of the Fellowship Hall: Fr. Jordan would like to move ahead with the project and asked PC members to comment and approve. The original presentation was

given by donors in early March (I believe). Discussion was concerning the colors and placement of the Trinity icons within the window.

The meeting ended with a prayer of thanks led by Chris S. Meeting ended at 8:01 pm

NEXT MEETING – March 19th

May 21st

Respectfully submitted: Darlene Sterzinger