

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting Minutes  
September 18, 2025 (*Note: June meeting canceled*)

Attending

Fr. Ernest, Katie Johnson, Melissa Pakurar, Cathy Jones, Alex Clark, Chris Colohan, Erin Drumm, Lois Ann Guschke

Absent

Arlene Masters, Tom Bahr, Meera Del Favero, Joyce Navary, Chit Peters, Melisa Phillingane, John Thompson

Cathy Jones led the group in the opening prayer.

Ministry Fair

The Ministry Fair is scheduled for the first weekend in October. Set-up will be Saturday, October 4, from 1:00-4:00. Cathy will provide an ambo announcement. Like ministries will be grouped together as much as possible to highlight the sense of community within the ministries. There will be a table with sign-in sheets for current volunteers to sign in for any/all areas where they are currently volunteering.

St. Ann Thrives

Cathy reported that this St. Ann's group (which meets on the third Sunday of the month between the Sunday Masses) met together with the three other participating parishes in our area for the first time in June. Two teams were formed here at St. Ann's:

- (1) Capacity Audit team will focus on determining what our ministries volunteer base looks like and what we can do with the number of people we have. Erin Barnes has set up a Google-drive folder for posting information and results.
- (2) Conversations in the Spirit team will focus on listening to others and communicating what others are thinking. Listening is key, hearing before answering.

The next meeting with the participating parishes will be at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Richmond on Saturday, September 27. St. Ann's is scheduled to host in January.

100-Year Anniversary

Katie Johnson reported that November will wrap up our centennial celebration, but there are still things planned for October and November. During October we will take additional orders for the St. Ann's centennial T-shirts and sweatshirts. We will also be selling raffle tickets for a handmade quilt donated by one of our parishioners. The winner will be drawn at the bonfire planned for 7 pm on October 24. That winner will also get to select a St. Ann's ministry to receive the total raffle proceeds. We also plan to bury a time capsule the evening of the bonfire. An International Dinner is being planned for November 14 with parishioners bringing dishes to represent their nationality.

Alex Clark continues to work on a history of St. Ann's with a small-volume publisher. It will include past history and transcripts of interviews he has collected for the centennial along with many photos. There will also be a focus on the future and where we hope to go with programs currently in place and planned enhancements to the worship space.

Ceiling Repair

Melissa Pakurar reported that the sanctuary ceiling repairs are complete. Bids have gone out for sheetrock repair and painting the sanctuary and sacristy. The first bid has been returned with an estimated timeline of four weeks, with the sanctuary available for weekend Masses. With the amount of time estimated, this will probably not be scheduled until after the holidays.

### Walking Our Pilgrim Trail

Melissa Pakurar reported to date 131 families have pledged to the Walking Our Pilgrim Trail campaign for a total of \$525,722. A second principal loan payment of \$116,635 has been made, reducing the loan balance to \$137,202. Once the debt is eliminated, the next phase will be changes to the sanctuary and establishing an endowment fund for future needs.

### Food Pantry

Cathy reported that St. Ann's has received a Feed More grant, which will increase our capacity for serving clients and include food donated through Feed More, a temporary assistance program. The food donated through this program is USDA surplus and will complement what we do. CCHASM or similar intake requirements will apply. Carrie Goad, Social Ministry Coordinator, anticipates that the clients we currently serve will qualify under Feed More as well. We currently serve about 50 families per week. Preparations for this new phase include capacity building with additional shelving, new refrigerator/freezer to ensure consistent temperatures, and a newly painted shed. The broader community provided assistance in moving the shed (moving service donated) and electrical upgrades (supplies donated, paid only for labor).

### Upcoming Holy Days

All Saints Day is Saturday, November 1. There will not be a vigil Mass on Friday evening, October 31. The All Saints Day Mass will be at noon on Saturday. This is not considered a Sunday Mass.

All Souls Day is on Sunday, November 2. Masses will be at the church rather than at the cemetery. Fr. Ernest will bless the graves at the cemetery following the 11:15 Mass.

### Closing

Fr. Ernest led the group in closing prayer.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 23, 2025.