Anaconda Catholic Community – Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 27, 2026 3:00 pm

Meeting Minutes:

1) Opening Prayer
2) Fr. Joe collected email and cell phone numbers and will send out a group email message to the group. Please use copy all to make sure everyone sees any correspondence or ideas that are being discussed.
3) Erin mentioned having a special tabernacle that people can come in and open to display the blessed sacrament for adoration whenever they want. Fr. Joe investigated and discovered that this is not a supported option. Eucharistic Adoration requires at least an Acolyte level to expose the blessed sacrament and anything that allows anyone other than an ordained or installed person to expose the Blessed Sacrament is not allowed by Cannon Law. 24-hour adoration is usually reserved for monasteries and requires special permission of the Bishop. We will not be able to do this here.
4) The HF church is available during normal business hours for people to sit and pray with the Blessed Sacrament. We need a responsible person in the building whenever the doors are unlocked to ensure that nothing illegal or illicit is done. The Churches or facilities can be made available for activities that are planned and sanctioned by the parish. We also need to encourage proper respect and quiet time before Mass for people that want to pray
5) Ideas for programs or activities:
    a. Noodle Hockey was mentioned as a potential activity as well as others that could involve the youth and families that we could potentially support at HF. All we need is a more formal plan for what would be required and who would lead the effort.
    b. Special activities for the elderly
    c. Card & Board games for youth/families
    d. Movies
    e. Family oriented activities
    f. Have youth produce a real crucifix for Lent
    g. Coffee & Donuts after Mass to visit and socialize (HF)

    h. Come up with a way to socialize after Mass at Saint Peter, i.e. Tent in Parking Lot, …
    i. Communion to nursing homes
    j. Working with Job Corp to provide ministry services
6) Discussed updating the website to improve it where we can. Mellisa offered her photographic and graphic art capabilities to assist us in our endeavors.
7) Discussed briefly that plans are moving forward to work with having the Food Pantry located on the vacant lot across from HF church.
8) Discussed St. Peter Artwork and came up with a recommendation to move forward with the Artwork based on the funding we have received already. Fr. Joe contacted Adam Schwankl and he is putting together a formal plan for doing the work that can be accomplished with the money we have already received.
9) Need to come up with ideas for parents participate in RE activities or have something for them to do while kids are in RE.
10) These items were captured from the notes that I had so if anyone has anything else they wish to get captured in these minutes, let me know and I will add them so we have a good record going forward.
11) Thank You to everyone for your being part of this effort. I look forward to the great things that we will be able to accomplish for our community.
12) Will meet monthly to begin with as we get things set up and then possible move to quarterly meetings.
13) Next Meeting 2/24/2026 3:00 PM