ACC Pastoral Council Tentative Agenda

May 5, 2026 3:00 pm Large Meeting Room at Holy Family

Attendees: Fr. Joe, Mike Piper, Maureen Watt, Brandy Busard, Melissa Reynolds, Karen Valentini, Erin Hessler

Shared proposed diagrams for location of Food Bank building in the parking lot and tentative budget for the project. There is still a lot of work to do to get things all figured out.

There will be a picture of Adam Schwankl's mural progress in an upcoming bulletin.

Still working on getting a automatic door opener on the outside door at Holy Family. Also looking into adding a "Panic Bar" to the Stain Peter front door.

Game night was a success. Watch for pictures in the new bulletin. Many thanks to Melissa and Erin for putting this on.

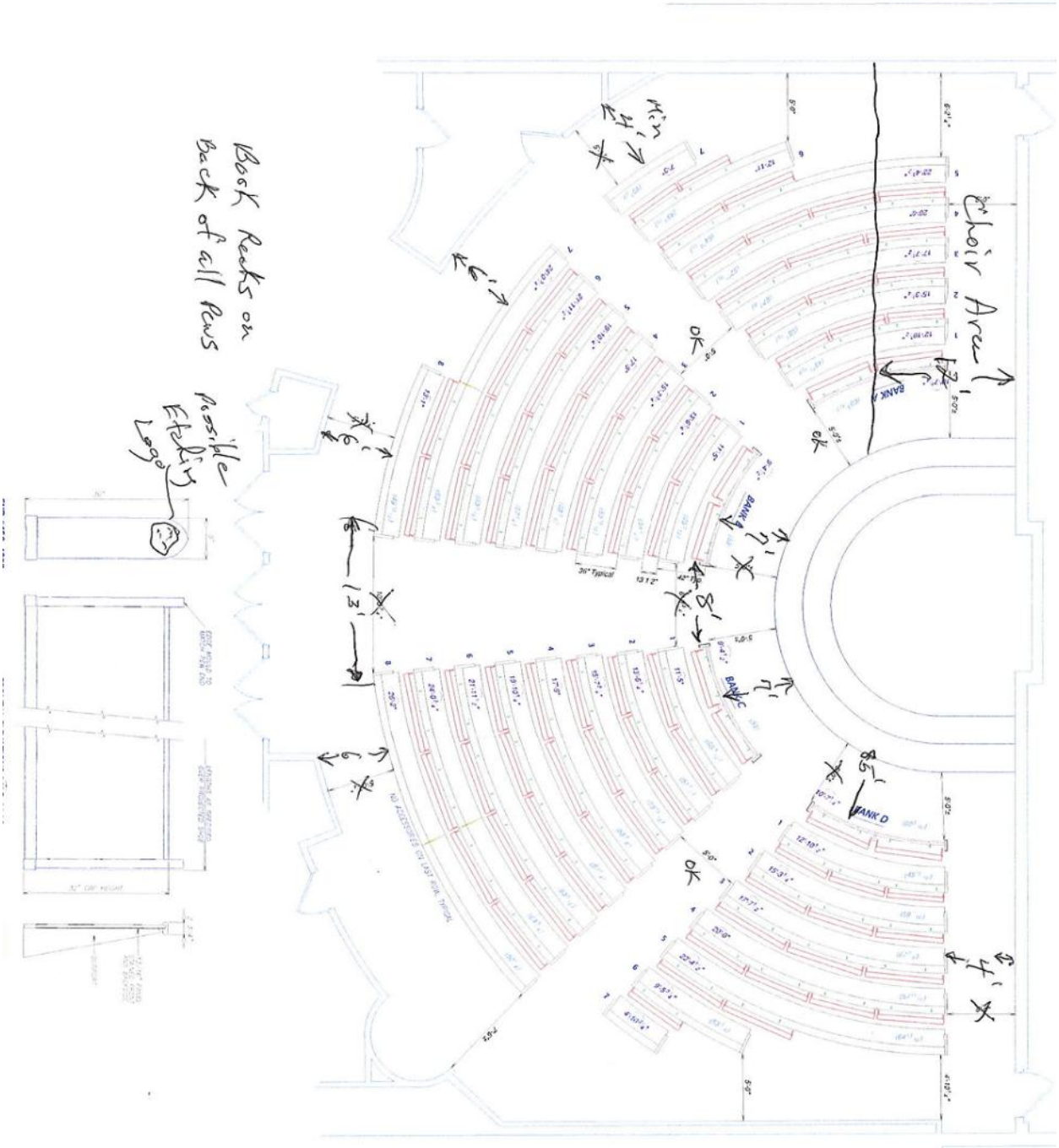
Melissa shared 3 designs that she came up with for a logo for ACC. She still has some work to do on them and then they will be presented to the community to vote on.

We discussed possible grant proposals for the Foundation for Diocese of Helena $5,000/$15.000 grant applications: 1) fund a parish sales counter with crucifixes, rosaries, statues, bibles, books and other assorted Catholic sacramental items to provide a ready source for "Catholic" items for people to take home or give away as gifts to support

evangelization of their families and friends. 2) More games for youth like Ping Pong, Foosball, Basketball Court in parking lot for youth.

Fr. Joe is still working on Reconstituting the Parish Finance Council. Maureen Wood is interested and could play a dual role coordinating efforts between the Finance and Pastoral council. Mike Piper also expressed and interest in participating in the Finance council.

Fr. Joe shared a diagram of the new proposed pew layout for Holy Family and a tentative budget for the project. We have two vendors bidding on doing the work and there are still a lot of details to work out.



Fr. will see about including a link to the diagram and the proposed budget on the ACC website.

Moving to printing bulletin locally: More timely articles, more condensed, less waste, only one language needed for all bulletins and website information (Word Boxes), no advertising. The goal will be to keep the bulletin to 4 8.5x11 pages so only the most important and time critical articles should be included. If done right, the articles should be very easy to include in the parish website.

Moving to different website software: Weebly costs less and is already paid for at IC, get exactly what we want, one vendor, same training for everyone. Fr. Joe will work with Deanna and whoever else will be eventually modifying the website to get them trained to take advantage of the Weebly software. Melissa asked about video and audio file support and Fr. Joe said that it is an additional fee $10/mo. to have that capability. If we can come up with some good ideas for taking advantage of those features, Fr. Joe would not be opposed to considering an upgrade.

We discussed if people would be supportive of moving up the Mass times on Sunday 1/2 hour to 8:30 and 10:30. The group was generally supportive of the idea and it will be put to a vote in the near future to see if the majority of the community would support the earlier mass times.

We discussed having confession and adoration in the evenings so that adults that work days would have the opportunity to attend. Fr. Joe visited with Fr. Dillon and he is willing to support one evening a week with him if we can get a commitment from enough people to take advantage of the opportunity. This will be a question asked on the survey about Mass times. Another item on the survey will be seeing if a majority of people still want to have collection baskets passed around during the offertory. Eris is also surveying her friends to see how may people she knows that would be interested in adding these services. The first thought was doing something on Thursday evenings after normal work hours.

Hiring a Music Director & Youth/Young Adult Minister: ads will be placed in the Chancery Newsletter to see what interest there may be. The CYC people have been getting the work out in Missoula and Bozeman areas where we have FOCUS ministries and people with the skills we are looking for.

Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers: we reduce the Precious Body minister to just one other person with the priest. People will come down the side aisles to receive and go towards the center aisle if they want the precious blood.

We have one new altar server that seem to be committed to coming regularly and is being trained each week by the priest that is celebrating. Hopefully we will get more. If we don't have a server, we have adults trained to jump in and help the priest at the altar.

The group briefly discussed the possibility of having parish missions in the future and Fr. Joe is supportive of doing this. People were asked to look for potential speakers and bring those names to a future meeting to be discussed and investigated.

Having services at Georgetown lake was briefly discussed and Fr. Joe was hoping to go out and view the site where the services would be held. The Bishop is not very supportive of doing services outside a regular church without some very good reasons, so at this time we will likely not be pursuing it further.

Other Topics: If I missed anything critical, please let me know. Thank You.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 1st at 3:00 PM