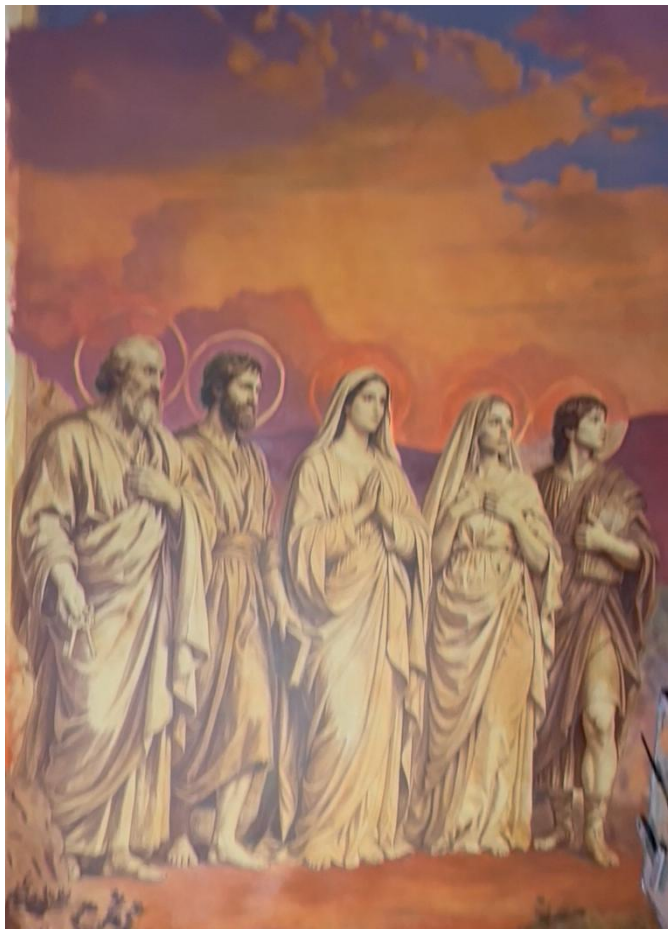
ACC Pastoral Council Tentative Agenda

June 1, 2026 3:00 pm Large Meeting Room at Holy Family

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



Food Bank: No Updates

Update from Adam Schwankl:

Handicap Access Door: We discussed getting automatic door openers for Holy Family and Saint Peter. Bids from earlier were approximately $5,000/door. The committee was supportive of moving forward with doing this update so Fr. Joe will investigate further and get formal bids to bring to the Pastoral and Finance Councils.

Branding Strategies: The council in in favor of moving forward with coming up with a logo to use for ACC. Mellisa has three options she is working on and said she would get them to us to review by June 14th. From there they will be included in an upcoming parish survey for everyone to vote on. Once one is chosen, they will be printed on t-shirts, pens, notebooks and other items to serve as Evangelization tools for our parish.

Finance Council: Has been reconstituted and will be meeting on June 2nd. Mike Piper is a member of both the Finance and Pastoral council and will endeavor to make sure ideas and thoughts are shared in both councils. Fr. Joe will be creating some new web pages for each council where minutes and other information on the councils will be uploaded for the entire parish to view.

Pews & Kneelers for Holy Family: Fr. Joe received an initial proposal from Montana Correctional Enterprises (MCE) for building custom pews with kneelers, book racks and good padding. Their bid came in at less than half of what the other vendor wanted. A couple of other churches in our Diocese have also made purchases from MCE of Pews and other fixtures and have been very pleased with the workmanship. Fr. Joe will work on getting some pictures from the other Pastors that have had that kind of work done to share with the councils and ACC.

Basketball Hoops: The mothers of teenagers on the council expressed how excited their youth were to hear that we are considering doing something like this. Fr. Joe reported that he had visited with Catholic Mutual and they said that our insurance would cover us as long as we took proper precautions to insure the safety of the facility. More work needs to be done to hash out the details, but we will consider moving forward and eventually present a

more formal plan to the councils. Lenore reported that she has talked to people that are opposed to putting up the basketball court.

Sprinkler Systems: Fr. Joe reported that Steve inquired about the possibility of doing a major upgrade to our sprinkler system because it is not doing a good job and a number of the pipes have popped up out of the ground over the years. Fr. Joe instructed him to get some bids from reputable companies to redo our system.

Printing our own Bulletins: We are moving forward with printing our own bulletins in the future. We have given notice to the existing company that we will be phasing out their service. The bulletins will be more compact with only the most important information included each week so not as many pages will be required. They will also be able to be shared electronically through email and text messages, so paper or ink will be needed. Fr. Joe is working with Deanna to coordinate this move.

Website Update: We are migrating things over to a new website for ACC and as soon as we get things moved and set up the way we want, we will transfer the existing URL to the new site. The new site is part of an existing service the Deer Lodge pays $8/mo. for so it will cost ACC nothing to have their information on the new site. So we will save the other monthly fees that we pay for that web service. The website is www.anacondacatholiccommunity.org

Changing Mass Times: As part of the survey Fr. Joe is getting ready, he will be asking if people want the Mass times on Sunday moved up ½ hour. If enough people want the start times to change to 8:30 at SP and 10:30 at HF, we will come up with a date to make the switch to the new times.

Passing the Collection Baskets: As part of the just mentioned survey, Fr. Joe will be asking to see how many people want to start passing the collection baskets at Sunday Mass. It will need to be a significant majority that want to change back before it will happen. The collection will still not be brought up to the altar but just dumped in the basket at the entrance of the church.

Music & Youth Ministry Directors: We have posted job descriptions in the Diocesan newsletter for two positions here at ACC to get us a music director and a youth ministry person as full/part time positions. The ideal candidate would be able to take on both tasks in which case it could be a full time position with benefits. The word is also being put out by word of mouth to the other parishes, especially the college/university parishes to see if any of the FOCUS ministers may be qualified and looking for a new job. Please keep this in your prayers.

Eucharistic Ministers: We cut back to just two precious body ministers at Holy Family and people seem to be adjusting well. The Eucharistic Ministers are also taking on additional responsibilities to help Father at the altar if we don't have regular altar servers.

RE Kickoff Party: We discussed having a special RE Kickoff party in the Fall at Washoe part to bring all the RE Families and other community members together. We are also looking to require some sort of mandated service on the part of parents with children in the RE program, either helping out in the classrooms or working on other special projects. Just dropping your children off each week for RE without helping out or participating in some way will be strongly encouraged. Erins Hessler volunteered to take the lead on coordinating a special kick-off party for ACC. Thank You Erin.

Billboard: The idea was floated of creating a special highway bulletin board to Evangelize our presence here in Anaconda. It will focus on what sets us apart from other faiths like the Eucharist and our Sacrament. Mellisa is working to create some sort of design to bring back to the group. Billboards on Highway. We are investigating pricing now and it looks like for somewhere between $500-$700 we could have something posted on Highway 1 coming into Anaconda.

Mike's Stories: It was suggested that we add an agenda item for each meeting for Mike Piper to share one of his stories. With all his years of experience, he has had some very interesting experiences that he shares with the group at our meetings.

Other Topics: If I missed anything critical, please let me know. Please get back to me by Sunday if you want any changes or additions to the minutes. Thank You.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 29th, 3:00 PM (wanted to get it in before the 4th of July Weekend)