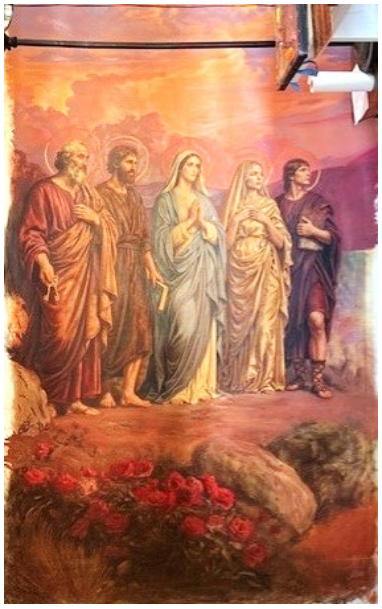
ACC Pastoral Council Minutes

June 29, 2026 3:00 pm Large Meeting Room at Holy Family

Attendees: Fr. Joe Fleming, Robert Willis, Mike Piper, Karla & Rick Valentini, Erin Hessler, Brandy Bussard, Lenore Manning

Food Bank Program/Project Update: Working on getting a contract written up. Diocese doesn't want to enter into anything more than 10 years at a time. Will pitch an idea for us to possibly purchase the building to relocate to our land, that way it makes for a cleaner leasing arrangement. Then we could lease it to them and be a landlord like we are now and renew the lease at regular intervals. Fr. Joe has a meeting with Bill Everet, the County CEO Wednesday to hear what the city has been proposing. The goal is to come up with the best possible solution for the people being served by the Food Bank. There is still a lot of work and investigation to do before a final decision can be made.



St. Peter Mural Update: Here is an update Fr. Joe received from Adam: **"The sky is pretty much complete. The saints are 90% done and I have to finish the foreground details yet. But I am getting close. I am thinking I will be done in about a week. Then I will need to let it dry and apply a protective layer on top. Once I get closer to finishing it and I have a good idea on when it will be ready to be installed I will contact you and schedule the delivery and installation. "** We are getting closer.

Handicap Access: Two doors at HF, looking into Panic Bar at SP. Fr. Joe visited with the Fire Marshall on Tuesday to get his thoughts on the doors and any potential safety concerns he may have. He acknowledged that is best if we have panic bars on all the doors, but that with our other doors we are meeting fire code standards. One thing he did notice was that our exits did not have emergency lights that come on when the power goes out. Fr. Joe has asked Bill Gransbery to look into getting emergency exit lights for the 5 locations that should be upgraded.

Branding strategy with simple logo: A number of options were presented but no clear winner could be chosen at this time. Fr. Joe and Mellisa will continue to work on refining the logos presented to get the best ones ready to have ready to present to the community to vote on.

Foundation for Diocese of Helena $5,000/$15.000 grant applications – Evangelization Focus, waiting for the Foundation to vote on applications. Foundation Executive Director Dan Thies has taken a new job with the company that did our Capital Campaign and will be moving to Virginia, so we will be looking for a new Executive Director.

Finance Council Installed, member listed on website in "more" column "Parish Councils". Also added Rober (Bob) Willis to our Pastoral Council who Fr. Joe missed getting on the original list. He had applied and Fr. Joe forgot to get back to him in a timely manner. He has

served on parish councils in the past and should be able to provide some good historical knowledge.

Pews and Kneelers for Holy Family: Fr. Joe gave out sample swatches of the materials that are available for our future kneelers and pew pads. Karla will work with Deanna to come up with the pattern and colors that we will submit with our order when everything is ready to go. Also getting bids on adding hymnal holders for St. Peter's that will match existing pews.

Basketball hoop(s) or court on our property: After some initial confusion about the scope of the project, we decided to work on a simpler solution to start. There is some renovation going on at one of the local schools and Bob Willis reported that at least one backboard that was removed from the grounds could be available to us. We will continue to investigate the best option for getting a basketball court somewhere in our parking lot area for young people to be able to play.

Looking at upgrading our sprinkler system: Steve checked and the sprinkler companies were pretty much all booked up, so this may need to be a project for next year, but we can work on getting things figured out now and getting some bids for doing the project next Spring.

Moving to printing bulletin locally: More timely articles, more condensed, less waste, only one computer system language needed for all bulletins and website information (Word Boxes) and no advertising. Having problems with LPi company getting our current contract cancelled. Would eventually like to deliver as many bulletins as possible electronically with Evangelus to cell phones and email accounts and continue posting on our website. We will still print limited copies for those that still want them.

Website is now managed by Weebly for all parishes. Need to work on standardizing the articles in the bulletin so they fit well on the web site and will present well on cell phones and can be interchangeable with Evangelus for electronic distribution.

How would people feel about moving Mass times on Sunday up ½ hour to 8:30 and 10:30? When we get the Logos ready, we will make changing the Sunday Mass times one of the items on the survey to get people's preferences.

Considering doing a survey to see how many people want to have passing of collection baskets during offertory. Is this still worth looking into or have people grown accustomed to how things are being handled now? Planning on this to be a survey item.

Fr. Joe has purchased an 86" OLED TV with a portable stand, a remote control camera, and transmitting equipment that will allow us to broadcast video from services in the main worship space to this TV in the Hunthausen center. This can be used for funerals as well as Christmas and Easter services when we have overflow crowds of people. Fr. tested and had the remote broadcasting equipment working for the recent funeral using the screen in the Hunthausen center and a projector. The quality of the picture was great and combined with the speaker system, it was almost as good as being in the main worship space.

Fr. Joe also purchased a 55" OLED TV with a portable stand and a camera for upcoming OCIA classes in the Fall. He plans to combine the Immaculate Conception and ACC OCIA classes so Fr. Dillon and He can participate via Online Team Meetings with plans to be

physically present at the classes and teach from both cities. This TV will be available for other training and online meeting uses in the Hunthausen center.

Hiring a Music Director & Youth/Young Adult Minister: We have two applications so far for the Youth Minister position. One candidate had a checkered history moving to lots of different jobs and people who knew him in our Diocese advised us to be warry. The other candidate did not have any relevant youth ministry experience. Kevin Molm and OYAM group are actively working with people they know in the business to see if they can get any qualified candidates from the people that they regularly work with.

Knights of Columbus planning a Parish Picnic on August 16th'

Other Topics:

Next Meeting: August 4th at 3:00 PM _____