ACC Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2026 3:00 pm Lounge at Holy Family

Attendees: Fr. Joe, Maureen Watt, Mike Piper, Erin Hessler

1. Deanna has resigned from her position as Office Manager so we will be looking for a replacement. She has agreed to stay on until the end of October to help with transitioning and training a new person. If you know of anyone that may be interested, please encourage them to apply.

2. Ashley See has agreed to be a part-time RE Director to help coordinate the RE efforts this year. She will be moving away next Summer so we will still need to look for someone to fill the position or come up with an alternative way to do RE.

3. Visited with a representative from HALLOW and they have an offering that could provide support for RE efforts where parents take a more active role in working with their children in educating them on the faith.

4. Food Bank Program/Project Update: Terry Vaughn has found a retired architect to help put together the initial plans for the move but they will need to be reviewed by licensed architects and finalized before we will have a good estimate of the overall costs of the project.

5. Branding strategy: We received a number of different branded items like pens, flashlights, notebooks/journals and coffee cups. Will give them out to parishioners who serve in ministry and to visitors.

6. Handicap Access: Automatic Door Opener has been ordered for Holy Family and should be installed in a few weeks. St. Peter side door would cost $9,000 to get opener and electronic latch system. Still investigating what could be done for front door of St. Peter (old doors are a challenge)

7. Final bids are in and we are going with Montana Correctional Enterprises for the new pews at a cost of $114k. KPAX has video of new pews made by them for St. Mary's in Stevensville.

8. We have an offer for 22 of our old chairs with kneelers at $100 each from the church in Big Fork that needs them for their choir. They want to pick them up ASAP.

9. Basketball hoop(s) or court on our property: Robert is working with Job Corp to get the basketball hoops installed for just the cost of the materials. The court area has been stepped off.

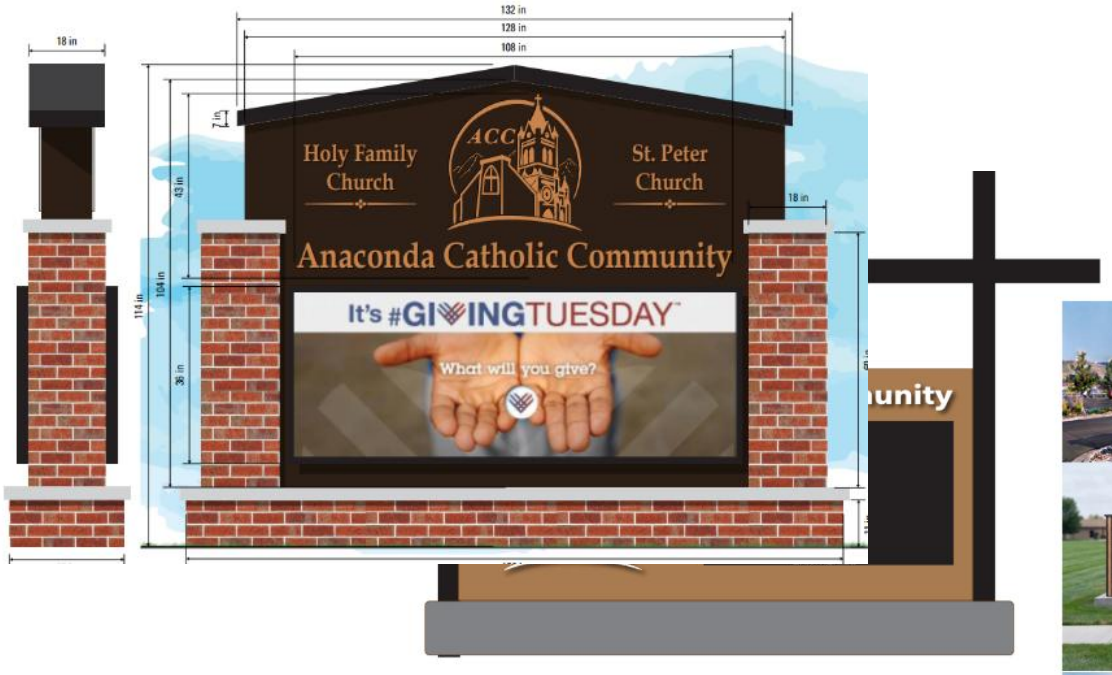
10. Looking at upgrading our sprinkler system: Asked Steve to get some formal bids to replace our aging sprinkler system that is having all sorts of problems with roots cutting off the flow of water in some of the pipes. Goal will be to something in the Spring.

11. Moving to printing bulletin locally: Will start printing bullet locally this coming week so we will be looking for a way to distribute more things electronically (like Evangelus) if possible and only print what is needed. We should be able to use bulletin articles to populate website if we design things properly.

12. Deanna set up online giving to allow RE registration fees to be paid electronically. We will be doing more articles to encourage people to move to online giving to help save data entry efforts.

13. OCIA will start on Wednesday, September 9th at 7:00 pm. We have 2 people from Anaconda that have registered so far: Kim Piper and Sim Roberts.

14. We have 3 vendors working up bids for a new sign on the property. We can either place it where the existing sign is or on the corner of Montana and Pennsylvania where it will have even more visibility. Estimates are from $50k to $75k depending on complexity.



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Ideas from meeting with Bishop to Discuss:

Weekly Did you Know – ie. How many baptisms we have/year, how many funerals, how much we spend on chicken, how much toilet paper we buy/year, if you have any other questions you would like to know, let's get a list going to start investigating.

Karaoke Night (we have a new speaker system designed to support this now)

Dances at Hunthausen Center

Line/Swing Dancing Lessons

Groto at Holy Family

Coat Drive

Doing a Family Photo Album for ACC

Pilgrimages: Fr. Dillon planning one to Rome, where else would people like to go

Planting flowers and low maintenance shrubs around sign at Saint Peter

Junior Knights

New Welcoming Meeting to reach out to new parishioners

New Mother Baby Showers

Design and schedule regular finance reporting for bulletin

Ministry Fair Signup Day

Renew Family Gatherings at individual homes

Share meeting expenses with other parishes to bring in nationally known speaker or comedian for our Deanery.

Sharing our events regularly with other deanery parishes and publishes their events locally.

Other Topics:

Next Meeting: 3:00 PM Tuesday, October 13th