



**Saint James
Catholic Church**

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES. MAY 2022

PURPOSE: TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE PROPOSED 2022-2023 BUDGET SUBMITTED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND TO DISCUSS THE STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION STATUS THROUGH Q3.

Pastor's Note:

- Sister Marie Hannah and Sister Maria Grace will leave Saint James in June for new assignments in Tennessee and Indiana, respectively. Both have blessed us with their talents and deep faith.
- Sister Mary Grace is our new principal. More to come...
- Father Loi is nearing his one-year ordination.
- Olivia Dvorjak is nearing her one-year mark as full-time Associate Director of Faith Formation.
- Father Loi and Sister Augusta did a wonderful job with RCIA and Easter Masses. Thanks also to Jeff Lanz who worked diligently behind the scenes preparing for Holy Week.
- Approximately twenty students will be bussed from Meade County to Saint James in the upcoming school year. Higher numbers are likely in the next 2-3 years.

Time Modifications:

1. The Parish Office will be open half days on Fridays Memorial Day through Labor Day.
2. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be on Mondays following Mass, but not before Mass over the summer months.

Budget Review and Approval

Greg Schrecke, on behalf of the Finance Committee, submitted a proposed 2022-2023 budget. Upon review and discussion, the Parish Council approved the proposal.

Highlights:

- Net collections are down.
- Saint James is seeking ways to increase tithing participation.
- The building fund aligns with the budget.
- Pre-School received a one-time grant.
- School attendance is growing.

Strategic Plan Implementation Status for Q3, 2022

Note: A copy of the Strategic Plan is available in the Parish Office or by contacting Lou Edmondson at Lou.Edmondson@bbtel.com

In summary, action items are tracking based upon established timelines.

Communication. No change.

Evangelization: Sixteen parishioners have joined Sister Augusta and Lou Edmondson in a weekly action-oriented discussion group focused on The Art of Practical Evangelization. The group comprised of cradle Catholics and converts, addresses questions to include:

How do I practice my faith in daily life? What is the church asking of us? How can the church and the school work together to evangelize? A one-day Evangelization Retreat will occur in November.

Faith Formation. Olivia has implemented and continues to plan faith-based initiatives for middle school students to include summer involvement. Fifteen students participated in the last two meetings.

Olivia will distribute surveys to assess current and future initiatives and will facilitate a kick-off retreat in August.

Fellowship: CWOSJ has two new co-chairs. Lorna Vertrees is working on a new committee that “walks and prays.” The Evangelization team will work with Lorna on an Ambassador program.

Operational Vitality: The School Board is working in phases to update Chrome Books and other **technology.**

Stewardship: Behind last year although Stewardship cards are trickling in.

Worship: Tim Watts continues to work with youth and adults on music. We need more cantors and lectors.

Questions/Recommendations? Contact the parish council directly at: parishcouncil@sjschoolonline.org or [Lou Edmondson at 502.777.7025](mailto:Lou.Edmondson@bbtel.com), lou.edmondson@bbtel.com