

**ST. JEROME PASTORAL COUNCIL  
JULY 2, 2025, MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Jackson at 7:04pm.

Members present: Chairman Dan Jackson, Vice Chairman John Hopkins, Paul Baumgartner, Angee Clark-Hellon, Sr. Linda Mary De Lonais, Jan Gremaud, Kelly Houston, Fr. Kevin Laughery, Tom Mines, Brenda Neumann, Gail Wolff

Members absent: Joel Petry, Betsy Weinell

Opening Prayer was offered by Tom Mines.

No additions or corrections to the May 29, 2025, Minutes. Motion was made by John Hopkins and seconded by Angee Clark-Hellon to accept the Minutes as presented; motion carried. Minutes approved.

**Monthly Reports**

**Pastor:** Fr. Kevin returned from his retreat and has been preparing for the Centennial Campaign writing the text for the various letters that will be going out. As of today, dates for St. John Neumann Masses for the coming year are being finalized. As previously mentioned, Fr. Kevin discussed the scheduling of the St. Jerome buildings. In order to avoid conflicts, all requests for usage need to be in writing and forwarded to Jodi in the office. Fr. Mathias from the Diocese of Wa, Ghana, who participated in Sunday's 10:30am Mass, is available the last two weekends in July for a return visit.

**Written Monthly Reports:** No questions on the monthly reports submitted for Bookkeeper, Admin Office Support, Youth Ministry.

**Old Business**

**Election of 2025-26 Officers:** Angee Clark-Hellon made a motion, seconded by Tom Mines to accept the proposed slate of Pastoral Council officers for 2025-26: Dan Jackson, Chairman; John Hopkins, Vice Chairman; Gail Wolff, Recorder. A vote was taken; the motion carried; and the new slate of officers was approved effective July 1, 2025, for the next term.

**2025-26 Pastoral Council Meeting Schedule:** 2025—July 2, August 7, September 4, October 2, November 6, December 4. 2026—January 7, February 5, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2.

**Centennial Campaign:** Fr. Kevin reported that invitations will be going out for gatherings in August.

**Monthly Fellowship Calendar:** Brenda advised that Jodi needs the calendar information so that she can schedule facilities where needed. The date has been changed to July 19-20 for the ice cream party. Again, initial scheduling events and schedule revisions need to be provided in writing to Jodi. We need to make use of both the Friday newsletter on FLOCKNOTES as well as the Sunday Bulletin. Angee plans to continue having the ushers hand out event reminders as parishioners arrive at Mass.

**Old Business (continued)**

**Mass on the Grass Weekend:** Angee asked the Council for their help with the September 28 10:30am Mass to be held on the grounds at St. Jerome. She needs the Council members to let her know how they plan to volunteer. A discussion followed concerning Mass location—in the valley in front of Mary's Grotto or on the parking lot. Could the youth help escort people needing assistance from their cars to the Mass location? What about music? Dan suggested that we form a committee and prepare a list of tasks with the number of people and resources (electrical?) needed. Paul and John will cook the food. Brenda agreed and provided specific ideas. Jan reminded the group that people need to be asked personally to help with this event.

Angee also proposed that Fr. Kevin lead another 8:00am Rosary Walk on Saturday morning, September 27. Those who don't wish to do the Rosary Walk could participate at the same time in a Community Rosary in St. Joseph's Hall. In case of rain, everyone would meet in St. Joseph's Hall. The walk would start at St. Jerome and head uptown, around the block and then back to St. Jerome for some light refreshments. Jan suggested we have a theme for the walk. Fr. Kevin said that day is the feast day of St. Vincent DePaul.

**Welcoming Committee:** A notice requesting volunteers continues to be posted in Friday FLOCKNOTES and in the Bulletin. One person has responded. The Council considered various parishioners who would do well with this committee.

**Grief Ministry:** No further reports.

**New Business**

**Pastoral Council Training:** Dan contacted Katie Price in Springfield about coming to St. Jerome to provide evening training for Pastoral Council members. After considering everyone's schedule. Tuesday, September 30. (St. Jerome Day) was agreed upon and Dan will confirm with Katie. Dan will invite the Finance Council and Fr. Kevin will invite the St. James Pastoral Council (if appropriate). Dan will confirm date and invitees with Katie.

**Pulse of the Parish:** Kelly mentioned the problem of wasp nests in the light fixtures around the church entries. Brenda is aware and the areas are being sprayed. Angee needs new boards cut to replace the kneeler at the St. Joseph statue. Dan will take a look at the kneeler. Thank you to Angee Clark-Hellon and Lucy Ehrhardt who cleaned and painted both Mary's Grotto statues and the St. Joseph statue. With Jan Gremaud's flowers and plants, they both look great.

There being no further business, Tom offered the closing Prayer; and the meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 7, 2025, at 7:00pm, Wayland office.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gail Wolff, Recorder