

Dodge East Parishes Joint Pastoral Council Minutes

September 9, 2025

In attendance: Fr. Miniatt, Fr. Mark, Deb DesJardins, Chuck Dineen, Ralph Holzmann, Daniel Hoffman, Ashley Frank, Rick Steger, Lynn Steger, Eileen Lifke, Kevin Knoll, Nancy Bogenschneider, Rick Torn, Steve Wessing, Sandy Vercauteren, Kathy Sterr

Absent: Fr. Galante, Robert Scott, David Streblow, Zachary Doll, Nathan Waas

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 by Pastoral Council Chairperson Ralph Holzmann.

Opening prayer: Vespers, led by Father Miniatt

Introduction of guests: Tracy Nadolski, Jodi Murphy, Nicole Glogovsky, Frank DesJardins

Old Business

A motion was made by Rick Torn to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2025 meeting, seconded by Daniel Hoffman. Minutes approved.

In an addition to the agenda, Kevin Knoll requested that a question he had be addressed later in the meeting.

Discussion about Town Hall Meeting

- Open to any parishioner, to be held once per year
- Structure:
 - Share financial picture/CFS for each parish
 - Discuss general status of the implementation & where we're headed (vision)
 - Long term goals: Father Miniatt
 - Question and Answer session:
 - Inform parishioners through the bulletin that this will be part of the meeting, and have a time period in which to submit questions (Sept. 21-Oct.5).
 - Ask parishioners what they'd like to see/what's on their minds.
 - Tracy will work on a form for this purpose.
- Where & when?
 - October 28th, 5:30-7:00 at St. Andrew Hall, LeRoy

New Business

Chuck Dineen volunteered to represent us at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council.

New Pastoral Council officers were discerned as follows: Sandy Vercauteren, Chairperson; Nathan Waas, Vice Chairperson; Ralph Holzmann/Lynn Steger, Secretary

Pastor's Report

- Father Miniatt expressed gratitude for the many volunteers who have helped this summer.

- Harvest Fest at Sacred Heart was a success, with people from other parishes attending as well. Trivia Night is coming up at St Andrew. Forty Hours Adoration will be October 22nd, 23rd, and 24th at St Mary Lomira.
- Father Miniatt expressed gratitude for the presence and ministry of the associate pastors. The upcoming adult formation class, offered by Fr. Galante presently has almost 140 people signed up.
- Father Miniatt will be taking a pilgrimage/vacation to Italy during this Jubilee year. He is willing to take any intentions along with him.
- Staff: Tracy Nadolski has been a wonderful addition to the staff. Tani left Sacred Heart, Dennis will be departing at the end of September. Reginamarie resigned her position. The work with Kris Tontis, the accountant, is coming along more slowly than anticipated, but Tracy is working with her and they are making headway. The transfer of all employees to SMM's payroll on July 1st was completed.
- School and Religious Education are getting started for the year. The young adult group has been pretty well attended. Audubon Days in Mayville is on the agenda this month.
- Projects: SMM replaced the main doors recently, and soon the pews will be refurbished. The project is supposed to last about 3 months.
- The final parishes to do the MCP for the year are St. Andrew, St. Mary Mayville, and St. Theresa. This weekend one of the Daughters of Divine Love will be there.

St. Mary Lomira is planning to have some work done on the belltower. There is water coming in and stone needs to be replaced. Cost is anticipated to be around \$37,000.

Eileen Lifke shared the completed CFS from St. Theresa.

Tracy proposed creating a safety committee to address concerns and/or training needs.

Input was sought for a new domain for the parish(es) website and email. DodgeEastCatholic was suggested.

Kevin Knoll asked for some help/guidance with the sacristan duties at St. Mary Mayville.

Committee Reports

- **School:** Rick Torn shared that they are checking into what is needed to reopen the school at St. Mary Lomira for the 2026-27 school year.
- No other committee reports were given, as committees are just starting to meet again this month after a summer break.

Next Pastoral Council Meeting Date: October 14, 2025 @ 6:00 at St. Andrew Hall in LeRoy.

Closing prayer was led by Fr. Miniatt.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Vercauteren