

**St. John Fisher Pastoral Council Meeting
June 4, 2025**

Present: Msgr. David A. Sork, Joe McGuinness (chair), Stephanie Bezner, Rosemarie Diehl, Mike Gibson, Ron Homer, Steve Ludwick, Tom Magee, Christopher Marrs, Ryan McCormick, Jennifer Ryan, Charlotte Hargrove (youth rep.), Patrick Lee (youth alt.), and Chris Acherman (recording secretary)

Absent: Namele Baker (vice chair), Gayle Plecha, and Kim St. Romain as the staff representative

Guests: Maged Tanios, Joshua Koretzky, Joseph Goudlock, Christine Pearson, and Rosa Koretzky

Msgr. Sork opened the meeting at 7:17 PM. The Council prayed the First 15 led by Ryan McCormick.

Chair/Vice-Chair

2024-2025 Pastoral Council Objective Reports

Joe McGuinness asked the leader of each group to give a brief report of their progress.

- Obj. (1) *We will actively recruit volunteers for all ministries.* Rosemarie Diehl said her team will continue to reach out to the ministries in the directory and work with Misty Jesse to move forward in helping them.
- Obj. (2) *We will work together through the transformation of our campus as we complete our parish master plan.* Chris Marrs said the building plans are moving forward.
- Obj. (3) *We will develop opportunities for family-based faith formation and service.* Ryan McCormick said everything is on track to bring Family Promise to the summer concert. They expect 20-50 families to attend. This is an opportunity to partner with those families and get them involved at SJF.
- Obj. (4) *We will seek innovative and creative ways to encourage parents and children to participate in Sunday Mass together.* Ron Homer said the family Mass occurs on the last Sunday of the month. They advertise it in FlockNote and the bulletin. He invited all Pastoral Council members to participate. This is a way to show everyone what is possible as a family.
- Obj. (5) *We will promote activities which encourage a closer relationship to church and faith.* Chris Marrs reported that there has been no increase in the FORMED subscriptions. He shared that Misty Jesse is launching Summer with the Saints. He recommends viewing the new movies involving the saints.

Msgr. Sork asked the members about the objectives for next year. Joe McGuinness said they need to think about whether the current objectives are complete or need to be continued. Msgr. Sork said the new objectives should support the current five-year goals. Stephanie Bezner said they usually look at the Pastoral Staff objectives and see how they relate to Pastoral Council and incorporate them. Rosemarie Diehl

recommended having only four objectives so they are able to have a more focused effort from the committees and not spread people out to more than one objective. Joe McGuinness said the committee members will be discussing their objectives and progress with the new pastor at the next meeting. Msgr. Sork shared that Pastoral Staff is meeting next week to discuss their goals. Charlotte Hargrove announced that this is her last in-person meeting as she is moving, but she will participate by phone in August.

Pastor-Parish Life (Msgr. Sork)

Military Ministry Collection – May 17 & 18

Chris Acherman reported that \$4,949.00 in donations was collected and distributed among the four military charities.

The Jubilee Year Presentation (Karl A. Schultz), May 27

Christine Pearson thought the speaker was extremely knowledgeable and his presentation was very well done. He briefly touched on the Jubilee year and then spoke about other topics. He held the attention of the crowd. She felt that 50 people attended. She left the event wanting to read one of his books.

New Parishioners' Brunch, June 1, 12:00pm (PC Sponsored)

Msgr. Sork was happy to see a good turnout from Pastoral Council members. Rosemarie Diehl thought it was well attended and she was able to talk to many of the new families. Ron Magee asked about the phone call reminders as he got mostly voicemails. Stephanie Bezner feels the postcards are the most effective method for reaching people. Chris Marrs suggested inviting the entire parish next time. Msgr. Sork felt that Pastoral Staff and Pastoral Council are a good representation of the parish. He thanked everyone for their support in this event.

New Pope Leo XIV

Jenny Ryan said she was shocked that they chose an American to be Pope. Joseph Goudlock asked if there's a difference in faith traditions among the different nationalities of the popes. Msgr. Sork feels that Pope Leo is more than just American as he speaks five languages and has lived in Peru. He likes that he has a Latin American background. He felt it was wise for him to give his first speech in Italian and Spanish not English.

Construction Update

Msgr. Sork said the construction project is moving along. Right now it's more destruction than construction. It's been pretty complicated with a few glitches. There is not much to report right now. Many things are on hold until school gets out next week.

Looking Ahead

- **Anointing of the Sick Mass, June 7, 10:00 AM**
 - Msgr. Sork shared that this Mass is held on the first Saturdays in June and December. It's an opportunity for homebound parishioners to enjoy some fellowship and receive communion.

- **Volunteer “Thank You” Luncheon, June 14, 11:30 AM (save the date) RSVP**
 - Msgr. Sork said he hopes that all Pastoral Council members will attend.
- **Reception to Celebrate Msgr. Sork’s Years of Service, June 27, after 5:15 PM Mass**
 - Msgr. Sork shared that he is an introvert, but he is grateful for these events so he can thank the parishioners for the privilege of being their pastor. He will celebrate the 5:15 PM Mass followed by the dinner. RSVP is required.
- **Reception for Msgr. Sork, June 29, after 11:00 AM Mass**
 - Msgr. Sork said he will be outside after all the Masses to greet parishioners as usual. The reception is after the 11:00 AM Mass.
- **Summer Choir Concert “American Harmonies,” June 29, 2:30 PM**
 - Msgr. Sork said the choir will perform patriotic music.
- **‘Camp Fisher’ Kids Camp, July 21-25 (Volunteers Needed)**
 - Rosemarie Diehl reported that they need more campers not volunteers.
- **Summer BBQ & Concert, August 2, (PC Sponsored)**
 - Rosemarie Diehl said they are going with a different food vendor this time. Ryan McCormick said they will have a country music band. Smokeshow will cater the BBQ. The regular meal is \$15, brisket is \$20 and the kids meal is \$5. They will offer a Mediterranean salad for the vegetarian option.

Chair/Vice-Chair

Approval of May Meeting Minutes

Joe McGuinness asked for corrections to the May meeting minutes. Hearing none, Stephanie Bezner moved to approve the May meeting minutes as presented. Ryan McCormick seconded. The May meeting minutes were approved.

Staff Representative Brief: Kim St. Romain, Director of Religious Education

Not present.

Summer Concert Planning, August 2

Previously discussed.

Introduction of Newly Elected Pastoral Council Members

Joe McGuinness welcomed the new Pastoral Council members.

Next Meeting

August 6, 2025

Other

Joe McGuinness read the guidelines for Pastoral Council members to bring concerns and affirmations to the attention of the pastor.

- Ryan McCormick suggested getting Pastoral Staff and Pastoral Council together to talk about ideas and share camaraderie.
- Stephanie Bezner would like to see some conversation for the junior high program. She was asked to volunteer but feels that non-junior high parents should be invited because the kids may not want to talk in front of their parents.
- Rosemarie Diehl asked if SJF has a program to engage high school kids or an outreach to the local high schools. Charlotte Hargrove said PVHS has a Young Life program associated with a local Christian church. It is a good group of like-minded people. She feels it would be a good idea for SJF to get involved. She will try to connect the group to the Pastoral Council Youth Reps. Patrick Lee said he is also a member of that club.
- Tom Magee asked about a transition plan for the new pastor.
 - Msgr. Sork said Msgr. Antonio met with Pastoral Staff at their evaluation meeting last week and he will attend their planning meeting on Monday. It has been a very friendly transition.
- Rosemarie Diehl said the Cornerstone groups are participating in the pilgrimage on June 22 and invited the parish. Stephanie Bezner said the Mass is sold out, but there are other festivities.
- Tom Magee shared that Men's Cornerstone is having a BBQ on June 12 at 6:00 PM.

The regular meeting was concluded at 8:10 PM with the Prayer of St. John Fisher Parish followed by the Executive Session with discernment of the new chair and vice chair.