

Meeting Minutes October 27, 2025

Attendees: Fr. Joseph Pham, Fr. Alfred Mungujakisa, Frank Gramenzi, Richard Macdonald, Jim McGuinness, Pedro Guzman, Ellie Kandle, Sr. Diana Higgins and Lisa Rice

Opening Prayer – Fr. Pham

Review minutes from previous meeting (5/5/25)

Key Liturgical Dates

Feast of Christ the King – November 23, 2025	Palm Sunday – March 29, 2026
Parish Feast Day – January 6, 2026	Easter – April 5, 2026
Ash Wednesday – February 18, 2026	Corpus Christi – June 7, 2026

Parish Council Memberships

Al Pisanelli has resigned as he has moved to Williamstown.

Sr. Michele DeGregorio has resigned and has been replaced by Sr. Diana Higgins who is the new Principal of St. Margaret Regional School.

Eucharistic Processions

- Recent
 - **Corpus Christi** - June 22, 2025 at St. John Vianney
- Upcoming
 - **Christ the King** – November 23, 2025 at St. Margaret
 - Plan for at least 3 Altars along route
- Promotion

Contact parishioners in advance	Email to ministries	Instructions from Ambo prior to Exposition and Procession
Flyer in bulletin 11/2/25	Put banners out weekend prior to the procession	Remove banners weekend of the procession
Altar announcements @ Mass 2 weeks prior (Pedro available)	Encourage Alter Servers to attend	

Additional needs/checklist of items needed:

Monstrance (for SJVC)	Banner pole/stand from KofC	Cooler & water
Canopy (for SJVC)	Cart & straps	
Parish banner	Speaker, mics (& batteries)	

Adoration

- First Fridays – seems to be steady
- Need to encourage Adoration for SMRS school children:
 - Teachers have been scheduling Adoration on Fridays during Religion their class (w/the exception of 1st Fridays). 15 minutes of Adoration is the recommended time allotment. for the past few months
 - Need commitment of a regular schedule for each grade from Sr. Dianna
- Need a pamphlet explaining the significance of Adoration:
 - Jim McGuinness & Sr. Dianna will work on this
 - 3 Parts - Thank you, Lord. Teach me, Lord. Take over, Lord.

“Called for More” - Disciple Maker Index Survey

- Survey was conducted from July 30th - September 3rd, 2024
- 162 respondents
- Individual analysis done – Final meeting pending (Jim, Ellie & Rich)

Eucharistic Presentations

- Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibition
 - Designed by Saint Carlo Acutis
 - Might be a diocese-wide effort
 - Two Exhibitions
 - 41 panels
 - 158 panels (\$4400 to purchase; consider renting; Rich will ask Fr. Infanti (St. Andrews) how it was received
- Eucharistic Miracles: Relics of the Saints – Fred Durso owns the Relics.

Faith Formation/Bible Study

- The Chosen
 - Currently watching Season 5 on Fridays @ 6:30 (Ends on 11/21/2025)
 - Christmas - Last year was “The Chosen Christmas” movie
- Christmas 2025: Movie – The Nativity Story. Date will be 12/12/25 @ 7 p.m. in the church
- Potential - Fridays starting in February and leading into Lent
 - Lectio: Philippians with Dr. Tim Gray (6 episodes)
 - Lectio: Mark with Dr. Tim Gray (14 episodes)
 - Lectio: God with Dr. Elizabeth Klein (9 episodes)
 - Lectio: Prayer with Dr. Tim Gray (6 episodes)
- Other options
 - Jesus & The Eucharist (8 Episodes, 2 hrs. each) - USCCB & Augustine Institute
 - Eucharistic Miracles with Fr. Robert Spitzer

- Need program for children

- **URGENT - Need leader** – Fingerprinting required.
- 2 Age Groups: 3-6th Grade and 7th-12th Grades: Peter Witasik/Felicia?
- Consider Formed resources

- Consider catering to different age groups
- Come up with a structured program

Other topics?

- Schedule Deanery-wide Eucharistic Holy Hour (St. Patrick & Incarnation)
- Finance Committee is recommending a \$5 per month increase, per parish family, to cover increased expenses. An announcement would be made periodically from the altar to update the congregation and thank them for contributing.
- House of Charity goal was met and it was agreed an announcement should be made from the altar thanking the congregation for their support.
- Host a Family Retreat – Together as a whole group but with breakout sessions for parents/tweens/younger children
- Post a diocesan-wide adoration schedule in a public place for potential adorers – recommendation was made to laminate and post by the shine of the Sacred Heart in the St. Margaret's parking lot.

Schedule next meeting – Monday 2/26/2026

Closing prayer – Fr. Al