



## MINUTES

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**Attendance:** Father Michael Wimsatt, Lorna Vertrees, Jordan Cofer, Cheri Ellis-Reeves, Lou Edmondson, Jeff Lanz, and Greg Schrecke

### Agenda Overview and Prayer Requests - Lorna Vertrees

**Opening Prayer and Pastor's Notes** - Third step in parish planning process is underway. Deanery meetings will begin to discuss this stage of the plan. We had almost 100 people attend the parish cleanup day. Stewardship moved from January to April last year. Having the anniversary year is a great backdrop for discernment for St. James's future to be taken up at the present time.

### Parish Pastoral Council Chair Reports -

- **Faith Formation** - *CATHOLIC WOMEN OF SAINT JAMES*: Good Attendance and good discussions. *OCIA*: We were blessed this year to welcome 13 members of our OCIA community who received the Sacraments, a beautiful witness to the work of the Holy Spirit in our parish. In addition, we currently have four individuals awaiting Tribunal actions, and once those processes are completed, they will be joyfully brought into the Church throughout the summer. *Upcoming FF Events*: April 25: First Holy Communion – English (52 in total!) April 26: First Holy Communion – Spanish

- May 16: Baccalaureate Mass /Senior Recognition Mass- 5pm
- May 30/31 Weekend: Blessing of the Child in the Womb
- June 22-26: Vacation Bible School
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- Family Faith Formation and Middle School Ministry continue to meet until May 13. High School Ministry Small Groups will end for the school year at the beginning of May. Confirmation prep continues to meet and will have some summer activities to prepare for Confirmation on September 13.
- Confirmation for this upcoming year will move to any teen, 8<sup>th</sup> grade and older, will be invited to begin preparation when they have discerned with their parents that they are ready to be confirmed. The preparation process will be from September to September, with meetings continuing after they are confirmed. This will allow for

those in 8<sup>th</sup> grade to begin the process when they are ready or if you have someone who is older, they won't feel as though they "missed" their chance.

- **Finance** - Reviewed report for predictions regarding feasibility study. What is achievable? Operations are ahead of last year.

- **Parish Life** - *Bereavement*: We have had several funerals in recent weeks and the Social Committee and is doing the Senior dinner in May; and working on the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration plans for July.

*KofC*: We finished our Lenten Fish Fries and want to thank the school for their support.

This is a quiet time of the year for the Knights. The Fraternal year runs from July to June, and we are preparing for elections of Officers in June for the next Fraternal year.

*Cultural Diversity*: This coming May, Deacon Sears and Susan Sears will have a slide presentation on their recent Holy Land pilgrimage to the Cultural Diversity Committee.

*Seeds of Kindness*: Seeds of Kindness has met twice in the last month. We wrote/sent cards to 28 current/former priests and two archbishops in thanksgiving of our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

One of our members donated \$20.00 Cracker Barrel gift cards for each priest and Archbishop.

- **School Board** - Met in March. An Archdiocesan audit occurred and went well. It had good feedback and recommendations.

- **Social Concerns** - *SVdP Outreach* is working on their quarterly report and will forward it to the council upon completion. *Thanksgiving Dinner*: Preparation for 2026 Thanksgiving will begin in the fall, typically around the beginning of September. *Homebound*: Could use one or two more EMHC. There is a new volunteer to orient soon.

*Blood Drive*: A blood drive was held on March 8. The committee is very thankful for the support of our parish during these important drives. *Haiti*: Please continue to pray for Haiti.

- **Stewardship and Administration** - Making plans for the annual picnic. Lost several key volunteers/booth captains. The 175<sup>th</sup> Committee had an events meeting. We still need lots of volunteers. The July 25<sup>th</sup> event is shaping up nicely. The 52-week raffle is going slowly. The Kentucky Holy Land tour is on June 6.

- **Worship** - Eleven new altar servers were trained, 45-50 retrained. Deacon Dean and Jeff trained/retrained about 60 EMHC; picked up 24 new ones. New head of ushers, Sam Dones, is doing well and very involved.

**Closing Comments - Father Michael**

**Blessing - Father Michael**

**Next meeting: To be determined.**