St. Anthony & Sacred Heart
Pastoral and Finance Council
MINUTES
September 8, 2026, Tuesday, at 6:15 p.m.

I. Call to Order at 6:10pm with Prayer by Fr. Dorner
II. Roll call: Present are Fr. Dorner, Laura Brinkman, Donna Moreau, Garrett Zittlow, Jim Carncross, Dawn Johnson, Tammie Goldschmidt (arrived later), Tony Noska, and Elise Neuens. Absent and excused is Josh Vandenbush.
III. MOTION Noska/Neuens to approve the agenda. Motion carried. No negative votes.
IV. MOTION Noska/Carncross to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried. No negative votes.
V. Welcome to Laura Brinkman, who is new to the council this year.

VI. Pastoral Council
  A. The Rescue Project currently has 87 people signed up to attend. The first session takes place tomorrow and, with the grant money from the Diocese and personal donations, we should have what we need. It was noted Fr. Riccardo may tape a special message to us for a future session.
  B. Sacred Heart Centennial Celebration was well attended and many thanks to Elise Neuens for spearheading this project.
  C. St. Anthony 125-year anniversary is coming up in August 2027. It was decided to hold the special celebration on August 15, 2027. A committee to work on a Parish Directory and a celebration event on the 15th will be formed after the Rescue Project.
  D. To increase awareness of the Holy Days of Obligation it was discussed to put a notice in the bulletin quite frequently and have a poster at the back of church.
  E. Tammie, Jacob, Laura, and Elise are interested in attending the November 5th Day of Encounter with the Holy Spirit along with Fr. Dorner. Dawn will register them and any other interested parties by the October 9th deadline.
  F. Donna Moreau presented the need for builders, people to set up, and volunteers to take down the Niagara Christmas Village nativity display. She will put together announcements for Fr. Dorner.

VII. Finance Council

A. Reports

1. Dawn gave a Brochure for bulletin advertisements to give to prospective advertisers. Radiant Health expressed interest and Dawn will send a brochure to them with the details.
2. Fr. Joe Dorner
    a) The striping of the parking lots will take place this Thursday. It is to be paid with the One-by-One funds specified by Fr. Quinn Mann
    b) David Kinsella will be contacted again to address the need for new ceiling fans for church
3. The side stairs by the hall were mud jacked to level them and the platform in front of the hall. There is still a need to have some cracks sealed and a railing put in place. Garret Zittlow is continuing to work on this project.

B. Sacred Heart finished the paving and striping of the parking lot, a road going to the back door, the basement project, and a handicap ramp getting into church. Everything was completed by the time of the Centennial Celebration on August 23.

C. The Financial Highlights were presented by Dawn

VIII. Under SWOT – a discussion was held regarding changing the Mass times on Sunday to 8:30am and 10:30am rather than 9am and 11am. The council members were asked to quietly ask around to get a feel for opinions before a more serious discussion takes place.

IX. Next meeting was announced as Tuesday, November 3rd, but was later changed to Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 6:15pm (if St. Margaret can adjust to changing from November 3rd. It was determined that since the Day of Encounter was Nov 5th, it would give council members a chance to bring to the table any ideas or inspirations from that event).

X. Concluding prayer was led by Fr. Dorner and the meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm