

## ST. EDWARD PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 22, 2025

ATTENDEES: Father Robert Chinnapan, Deacon Jeff Hofacker, JoAnn Krueger, Darlene Hansen, Rae Ryan, Patrick Berg, Tim Pitsch, and Merle Verhagen

Lectio Divina was led by Deacon Jeff and discussion was held.

PASTOR'S REPORT: The Pastoral Council will decide on new mass times. We can check into what St. Nicholas decides so the mass times aren't the same since people may go to either parish. The new priest will have some input in the decision. We will put out surveys at mass to see what parishioners would like for mass times. Guidelines for the Pastoral Council are on the Diocese website and the link will be emailed to council members. Discussion was held on welcoming the new priest on his first weekend.

DEACON'S REPORT: There are 6 more weddings that we are helping people plan. There are continued visits of between 15-20 people in assisted living, nursing homes or at home. Father Robert is helping with visits and hopefully our new priest will help with the visits. Easter lilies and plants were distributed to people at home and were appreciated. It's an excellent outreach that Becky Lewin helps with. We began hospitality for funerals and are helping people with funeral liturgies. At funerals we provide coffee, protein bars, fruit cups, etc. Jeff helps with cemetery plots and sales. There are 3 new servers in the last 3 months. Discussion was held on a columbarium which would hold 96 niches for urns. It would be a \$60,000 investment. School's 3K and 4K are full or almost full and classes will be all day.

NEW MEMBERS: Vicky Weiland, Steven Brincks and Dixie Minlschmidt. Kim Goffard has agreed to stay on the council for one more year. The outgoing members are Tim Pitsch, Patrick Berg and Merle Verhagen.

TRACTOR PULL: The pull will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday of Father's Day weekend at the Seymour Fairgrounds. Volunteers are needed. There will be a polka mass, chicken dinner and pedal pull on Father's Day at church.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: A Replacement for Becky is discussed. Details of the position will be put in the bulletin and in the announcements. Hopefully Becky will agree to help for a few weeks once we find a replacement.

The next meeting will be held on August 28<sup>th</sup>

Father led us in a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted by JoAnn Krueger, Secretary