

Parish Pastoral Council

St. John the Baptist Parish

Minutes - April 7, 2026

Attendance: Father Phil, David Feuz, Sarah Miller, Rob Bushman, Belinda Siperko, Susan Snell, Weida Stoecker, Don Vosnick, Dave Williams
Excused: Mike Hare, Father Norbert

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Father Phil

Old Business: The March minutes were approved. The Parish Bingo will be Sunday, May 3rd at the New Freedom Community Center. Help is needed for the set up and take down. Set up can be scheduled for Saturday night.

New Business: A presentation was done on Trinity House and Father Kelly of Virginia. This is a program to build strong families. The program is geared to young families. The program includes a monthly meeting with lessons, along with time to socialize and share a meal. The lessons will include relevant topics for parents while the children play in a separate area under supervision by badged volunteers that have completed diocese background and badging procedures. It was agreed this is a good program. Dee Kabacinski, one of the school teachers, will be leading the program. This will be a parish program. A generous donor has offered to pay the fees to start the program. Future funding efforts, including fundraising will be discussed by the pastoral Council in consult with Trinity House ministry leaders and other parish leadership.

Father Phil would like to start a Senior Lunch - lunch and table games. IHM had a program with 40-50 seniors once a month. St John's had /has a similar program with the Jewels. The Jewels are an active group and do offer the activities suggested. Until we have trained volunteers the Welcome Center would be on hold.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Father Phil.

The next meeting is Tuesday, May 19 at 6:30. This will be a training session by the Diocese.

Respectfully submitted,
Weida Stoecker
Secretary