

**Pastoral Council Minutes**  
Wednesday, August 20, 2025  
5:30 pm -Sacred Heart Parish Center

**Members:** Fr. Atwood, Barb Ehlers, Larry Murphy, Charlie Rochford, Kathryn Stejskal, Larry Woods, Todd Bradley, Ron Lenth, Linda Ridihalgh, and Rose Ubben

**Committee Members:** Bob Kalb-Finance, Faith Formation, Nancy Kastli-Liturgy, Nancy Kastli, Cheryl Sill-Raise-Right Program

- **Journey in Faith Prayer**

Lord Jesus,  
You accompanied your disciples on the way to Emmaus.  
As we journey in faith,  
we trust in your Spirit  
to open our eyes  
to set our hearts on fire  
and to transform our parishes.  
Make yourself known to us  
through breaking open word and bread,  
that we may travel together on mission;  
to grow disciples, cultivate leaders, and unify parishes,  
with our journey ending in You,  
who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

- **Committee Reports**

- **Faith Formation-** Nancy Kastli – A handout provided for the RE schedule for 2025-26. A Kick-off gathering is scheduled for Aug 23 at the Columbus Club following Sat evening Mass. Grades 1-6 will meet 2:30-3:30 Wednesdays. A group of West Central students will meet from 5:30-6:15 on Wednesdays as they do not have early outs on Wednesdays. Grades 7-9 will meet from 6:30-7:30 on Wednesdays. The Confirmation Class will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30. First Communion will be April 12. Confirmation will be June 28 at 2:00pm. There will be several Family Faith Formation events throughout the year.
- **Liturgy:** Nancy Kastli - The group has not met yet. A ministry schedule will be released for the first 6 months of 2026.
- **RaiseRight Fundraising:** Cheryl Sill- Total profits for 24-25 fiscal year: \$7973.71 Cheryl shared that growth of the program really depends on participants utilizing the eCard/Reload online options and understanding the benefits as well as how to utilize the technology. Further discussion will take place as how we wish to target the funds and how to encourage more parishioners to participate.
- **Finance:** Bob Kalb – Tuck Pointing was \$39,500. Power door to elevator was installed and, after repairs, is now functional. Washout noticed under new asphalt that was laid. Will find out the problem and repair. We are getting estimate to paint inside of church. The next finance meeting is Sept 8.

- **Agenda Items**

- **Journey in Faith Process**
    - Sacred Heart Journey in Faith Committee members: Steve Horan, Chair, Fr. Atwood, Bob Kalb, Veronica Stewart, Jami Tafolla, and Barb Ehlers
    - Attended a meeting August 4 in Gilbertville to learn of the Journey in Faith process.
    - Information will be released September 2, 2025 on the Journey in Faith website.
    - <https://www.dbqjourneyinfaith.org/planning-process>
    - Saturday, September 20, 9:00-12:00, Regional meeting at St. John the Evangelist in Independence. (Registration, other dates and locations can be found on the following website) All parishioner encouraged to register and attend.
    - <https://www.dbqjourneyinfaith.org/september>
    - **Journey** in Faith Sacred Heart Parish meeting, Monday, September 29, 2025 6:30-8:30p.m.
    - Will be held in the church to make electronic presentation.
    - Feedback can be submitted to the website after we have been given the information at the Regional meeting and parish meeting.
    - A follow-up Journey in Faith Parish Meeting, November, 6, 6:30-8:30
  - **Update on Window Recognition Board:** Barb Ehlers is working with Chuck Geilenfeld and VanDenover Jewelry on the boards. Around 400 people were represented in donations made. Recognition board will show general donations, and specific window donations.
  - **Ideas to upgrade Mass broadcast on Facebook:** We are looking for suggestions to improve audio projection. Charlie Rochford will talk to a resource for ideas and Bob Kalb will talk with Teresa Loban.
  - **Recognition for Deacon Jim:** Ron Lenth will investigate an idea for a gift and update the Pastoral Council with the information.
  - **Other:** Ron Lenth shared he may be able to get trees from Trees Forever for the church grounds.
- **Pastor's Report:**
  - The Pastoral Council went into Executive Session at 6:15 and ended at 6:32.
  - Closing Prayer:  
Repeat Journey in Faith prayer.

Meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 5:30, except for July and December

**Next Meeting: Thursday, September, 18, 2025 at 5:30 in the Parish Center**