

Pastoral Council Minutes
Saint John the Evangelist Parish
January 15, 2026

Present: Richard Hadnagy, Chris Rowe, Suzy Steck, Art Johnson, Wayne Baardell, Cathy Sedberry, Kandi Kozlowski, Larry Hitchcock, James Pair, Father Zachary (by phone)

Call to Order: at 6:00 pm by Richard Hadnagy

Scripture/opening Prayer: Father Zachary

Chairperson's Report: None

Updates to Minutes: None

Old Business: AED Training date Saturday, January 24, 10:00 – 1:00. Thirty have signed up. This training will familiarize the trainees; they will not be certified. A donation of \$500 will be given to the training organization.

New Business: Larry Hitchcock asked that St. John be a Platinum Sponsor for the upcoming WEPS banquet. The request was approved. The Ladies' Guild will consider buying a table.

Ex-Officio Organization Reports

- a) Catholic Youth Ministry: No report
- b) Finance Council: No report
- c) Knights of Columbus: (Wayne Bardell) The Poster Contest is completed. The Knights are working with homeless individuals and planning the Fish Fry. They received appreciation from the Supreme Council for participating in Christmas parades in Enterprise and New Brockton.
- d) Ladies Guild: (Cathy Sedberry) The archbishop is not available to attend the Ladies Guild retreat but continues to look for a time to come to Enterprise. His secretary said he doesn't want anything special planned.
- e) Montessori School: Father discussed the recent closing of the school. He will continue to seek information and possibilities for some type of parochial school when he returns from Drill.
- f) Facilities: Chris Rowe has created and posted signs showing how rooms are to be set up.
- g) Beautification: (Art Johnson) Very little activity at this time due to weather. Women on the committee asking for a bench in the area facing the Grotto. A suggestion was made to put a statue of St John in place of the fountain.

Ministry Reports

- a) St. Mary's, Geneva: No report
- b) Bereavement: Chris Rowe reported on the deceased/funeral services.
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| Kelly Fulford 24 Jun 1985-13 Dec 2025 | Pedro Rodriguez Medellin (husband) Michael Medellin (son) 4800 Rucker Blvd. Lot 106, Enterprise, AL 36300 Kelly already cremated; they declined a Mass or hospitality trays with thanks. Sympathy card mailed 20 Dec 2025. |
| Samantha M. Woodward 23 April 1966-21 Dec 2025 | Megan Cebe (daughter) and Danial 501 Simmons Street, Enterprise, AL 36330 Fr. Gallagher administered Prayers after Death at Sorrells Funeral Home on 22 Dec 2025. Celebration of Life and burial in Fairhope, AL on 27 Dec 2025. Sympathy card mailed. Mass intentions to be arranged at St. John. |
| Evangelina Cruz Pisano ?-Dec 2025 | Graciela Claybaugh (sister) ?-Dec 2025 112 Nancy Street, Enterprise, AL All arrangements in Mexico. Sympathy card sent 29 Dec 2025. |
| LaMar Thomas Sizemore | Ginger Thomas (daughter) and Patty Sizemore (daughter) 200 E Sommer Oak r, Enterprise, AL 36330 Fr. Gallagher officiated at a memorial service at Searcy Funeral Home on 9 Jan 2025. Burial TBA. Fruit tray provided for private family gathering. Sympathy crd sent 11 Jan 2026. |
- c) Christian Services / HEARS: Suzy Steck reported
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| November 26-December 17 | Utilities: 15 clients \$1,286.17 Unable to assist with \$: 2 clients Food bags given to 4 clients Publix Cards given to 2 clients (provided by Knights of Columbus) |
| December 18 – January 15 | Utilities: \$1,861.04 Unable to assist with \$: 5 clients Food bags given to 10 clients |

- d) Sick and Homebound: (Rich Hadnagy) Beverly Urich provided an updated list showing 18 parishioners being visited and receiving the Eucharist when appropriate. Beverly also noted that recently we have had calls for Holy Communion visits for two parishioners who are temporarily homebound. Pete, Peggy, and she are covering these requests.
- e) OCIA: (Rich Hadnagy) More participants are coming. The focus now is picking a Patron Saint and determining who will be receiving sacraments at the Easter mass.
- f) Hispanic Community: No report
- g) Religious Education: James Pair reported on difficulties with parking in the lot between Father's home and Saint John Hall.
- h) Liturgy/Decorations: (Chris Rowe) Diane Doyle reported that the church was decorated for Christmas on Tuesday, December 23rd. A group of volunteers arrived at 9:30 and finished by 12:30! The volunteers divided into groups to decorate specific areas of the church. There were 40 poinsettias, 2 live trees, 1 bale of hay for the outdoor creche, 2 large arrangements for the Adoration Chapel, and 1 arrangement in front of the ambo. The new outdoor creche was easy to set up, break down, and store. On Sunday, January 11th, the volunteers met from 1:30-3:00 pm to take down the decorations and restore the church to Ordinary Time. The banners will stay in Ordinary Time until Feb 17th and will be changed for Ash Wednesday. Diane will purchase small peace lilies for either side of Saint Joseph, as there are no flowers near him. Parish Community and Life: No report

Parishioner Issues/Discussions: None

Pastor's Remarks: Father expressed his appreciation for all the thoughts, prayers and gifts he has received. He also noted that he has been doing some OCIA with three of the soldiers.

Upcoming Calendar Events: Fr. Zachary will be in Washington DC one week longer than originally planned, returning to Enterprise on March 10. His March Drill Weekend will be cancelled.

Closing Prayer: Father Zachary at 7:30 pm.