Saint John the Evangelist Pastoral Council
October 15, 2026

Pastoral Council Minutes/Reports

Call to order/ Welcome-Chris Rowe: 6:04 pm
Present: Rich Hadnagy, Deacon Jeff Lesh, Wayne Bardell, Teresa Warner, Betty Phillips, Joanne Lesh, Chris Rowe, Art Johnson, Fr. Zach Greenwell, Brett Markley
Opening Prayer-Fr. Zach Greenwell

Pending/Continuing Business – Gift Shop – As of now, Gift Shop will be open on an as-needed basis. Volunteer recruitment continues. May (new church secretary), Deacon Jeff & Fr. Zach have keys. In the future, a gift shop commission will be organized. Possible plan to move shop to area in Guadalupe Hall**.**

Ideas for **welcoming new folks –** Organize a Welcome Committee (look for volunteers), send a welcome card, hand out welcome packages or bags (similar to what Jessica Ponce did a few years back), make welcome phone calls. Committee members will brainstorm and bring ideas to Fr. Zach.

Updates on Commissions - The Land Acquisition Commission met on Friday, Oct 2nd. After visiting five properties, decision narrowed down to three with a front runner. The commission has completed the search phase and has moved to the negotiations phase with approval from the archdiocese which includes the archdiocese finance council and the archbishop himself. No purchase agreement has been reached as of yet. Capital Campaign has been approved to cover purchase price and replenish Generations of Faith Endowment. Training for Campaign TBA. Down payment will come from already-established endowment. **Statue Commission** – Queen of Heaven is in place now in the Grotto. Lady of Grace looking for a home. Dominic Price still researching St. John the Evangelist statue.

Ex-Officio Organization Reports

Catholic Youth Ministry-Lauren Clark/Brett Markley - Our youth ministry program is off to a busy start with 99 total youth registered, including roughly 55 in Life Teen and 44 in Edge, while currently preparing for an estimated 15 students to be confirmed this April. Actively encouraging students to participate in the Knights of Columbus Essay Contest, with submission deadline of Oct 23 (corrected from Nov 30, per Wayne Bardell). Mandatory safety remains a priority, with Safe Environment training scheduled for Wed, Oct 21 for all 6th through 12th graders. Have requested concurrent June dates for both Camp Covecrest and Hidden Lake, with final week assignments to be expected by Oct 23. Planning trip to March for Life in Washington D.C. this coming Jan and currently assessing availability of chaperones. Local youth are stepping up to volunteer for this Sunday's Fall Festival and Living Rosary the following week. Fr. Zach suggested surveying the youth regarding what changes they would like to see within the parish in general or within the youth group itself.

Religious Education-Guadalupe Reyes – No report. Fr. Zach reported approximately 120 students registered.

Finance Council-Church Finance Report-Danny DeOrian -No report. Fr. Zach announced Isabel is the new bookkeeper.

Knights of Columbus-Wayne Bardell

Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. Via the Church Bulletin, Youth Group, Sunday School, and church website, all Catholic students in grades 8 - 12 are being encouraged to write essays; to date, no essays have been received. 23 Oct deadline fast approaching (Wayne asked Brett to bring up to Youth Group the need for essays by 23 Oct)

Enterprise's Spooky in the Park. Knights will sponsor booth and provide candy to children at this annual event on Friday, 30 Oct at Henderson Park.

Membership Weekend. Knights' recruitment drive on 7 and 8 Nov after mass.

Food for Families. St John's will host a second collection on weekend of 14-15 Nov to help support Knights in their efforts to raise funds for Food for Families program. Last year, Knights collected, through fund raising and with help of a second collection, almost $5,000 to feed parish families over the holiday season and into the new year.

Supporting Veterans. In support of our veterans at the CSM Bennie G. Adkins State Veterans Home and Montgomery VA Hospital, the Knights currently have a Donation Box in the vestibule at the church for collection of items. The Knights will purchase items to deliver during the holiday season, as well. Knights will offer volunteer services to the CSM Bennie G. Adkins State Veterans Home. (Fr. Zach to take box to St. Mary's so they may participate in Donations also.)

Coats for Kids. Knights will pick up coats at St Joseph in Prattville on/about the end of Nov and plan to distribute in the December timeframe.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. Knights, after meeting with Sunday School teachers and youth groups, have begun groundwork to host the Poster Contest. Contest will conclude with judging in mid-December and presentation of cash awards for top finishers in each age group.

Ladies Guild-Cathy Sedberry – Three new members joined, conducting Bingo for Fall Festival, Helping the Cake Walk, Ordering new chairs for the altar (per Fr. Zach) instead of Holy Water receptacle. (Holy Water receptacle to come at a later date.)

Facilities/Maintenance-Mick Norris/Pat Rudzinsky – Per Fr. Zach, redoing the front doors of Guadalupe Hall. One of the AC units in the church broke & has been fixed. Another unit needs some replacement parts and will hopefully be fixed this coming week.

Ministry Reports

St. Mary's Catholic Church-Fr. Zach – discipleship group started, meeting 2nd and 4th Saturdays, looking for a date to have a general cleanup day.

Christian Services-Suzy Steck/Cathy Sedberry – Utilities - $1075.53, Food – 11, Could not help with bill over $300 – 3, Power bill – 11 helped, Water- 3 helped, 13 total people helped

HEARS-Rafi Rodriguez/Fr. Zach – Fr. announced at Spanish mass if anyone needs anything done

Beautification – Art Johnson – cleaned up area after hurricane – lots of pinecones, still looking for new committee members.

Bereavement- Karen Haglund/Teresa Warner –

Deceased/Funeral Services

Grady Thomas White, Jr./ Becky Hancock (daughter) 31 Oct 1931-13 Sep 2026, 208 Windover Way, Enterprise, AL 36330, Fr. Zach celebrated a funeral Mass on 17 Sep 2026 at 11 AM. Burial at Woodlawn Memory Gardens, Ozark, AL. Trays delivered to the family home. Sympathy card sent.

Moon Mullins/ Rodelyn Mullins (wife), DoD Sep 2026 161 Eagle Bend Road, Enterprise, AL 36330. Sympathy card sent.

Patricia "Patty" Concannon/ Paul Concannon (husband) 16 Aug 1954-23 Sep 2026, 601 N. Trinity, Geneva, AL 36340. Deacon Jeff Lesh officiated at a service at Warren Holloway Funeral Home on 1 Oct 2026 in Geneva. Graveside service at Samson First Freewill Baptist Church. Sympathy card sent.

Robin Johnson/ Art Johnson (brother-in-law) DoD Oct 2026, 112 Brookwood Drive, Enterprise, AL 36330. Sympathy card sent.

Ingrid Nixon Pierce Steven Pierce (husband) 13 Oct 1974-3 Oct 2026, 200 Pebble Creek Drive, Enterprise, AL 36330. Fr. Zach will celebrate a funeral Mass on Friday, Oct 9, 2026 at 11 AM at St. John. Burial TBA at Arlington National Cemetery. Family requested no reception/food. Sympathy card will be sent.

Bea Maria Fritz/ Bert Fritz (son) 28 Jan 1928-6 Oct 2026 34 Watertree Drive, Spring, TX 77380, Nicola Fritz (daughter) 7 C Street**,** Bridgton, ME 04009. Fr. Zach will celebrate a funeral Mass on Tuesday, Oct 13, 2026 at 11 AM at St. John. Burial at Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Coffee Springs. Family requested no reception / food. Sympathy card will be sent.

Plans in progress for the Healing Mass that Archbishop Rivituso will celebrate at St. John on Saturday, Oct 31, 2026, at 10 AM. Reception will follow Mass in St. John Hall. Connie Seyler will direct reception. Details for Mass and reception were sent from Mobile and will be implemented as requested. Plans being made for the annual Memorial Mass on All Souls Day, November 2. Invitations and prayer cards are on order. Signup sheets placed in church vestibule for those who lost a loved one in the past year and wish to light a candle at the Memorial Mass.

Parish Community Life-Seth & Kat Hundley – per Wayne, everything running well for Fall Fest, doubled the bratwurst, will say prayer before the meal in the church.

Church Decorations-Diane Doyle/Betty Phillips - <u>Decorating</u> - Altar colors and banners will be changed to white for weekend of Oct 31/Nov 1 for All Saints Day. <u>Altar Flowers</u> - Flower arrangements for the altar will be delivered on Friday, Oct 30, to be in place for the Healing Mass on Oct 31.

OCIA-Jennie Chancey - OCIA continues to go well. We have 40 students, not counting many of St. John's parishioners who are coming to brush up on the Faith and enjoy the lessons.

Sick & Homebound-Beverly Urech – currently out of town, waiting to hear from ministry volunteers as to whether they were visiting any new people. Will update list with one new person I am visiting and any others when I return. Will send list to Fr. Zach.

Hispanic-Raquel Nunez – No report (See Upcoming Calendar Events for Hispanic celebration dates in December)

Parishioner Issues/Discussions

Votive Candle Mary and Saint John. Clicker lighters are hard to use and don't always work, recommend changing to a wick and sand box. Knights are willing to make the change to the lighting stick / sand box. Fr. says lighters we have are inexpensive. Need to ensure box of replacement lighters is accessible.

Montessori sign removal Fr. wants to replace signs with interchangeable banners. Fr. okayed removal of the sign down on Lee St.

Deacon Jeff – St. Columba starting ***Grief Group***, Liz Moore (new parishioner) reaching out to Deacon Eric at St. Columba to gather more info on possibly starting group at St. John's.

Upcoming Calendar Events

Living Rosary: 25 Oct	**Archbishop Healing and Remembrance Mass: 31 Oct, 10 am**	**All Souls Day Memorial Mass: 2 Nov, 6 pm**	**Archbishop Mass Adkins Vet Center: 5 Nov, 10 am**	**Fr. Zach's Drill: 19-22 Nov**	**Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe: 4-12 Dec**	**Novena of the Nativity of Jesus Christ: 16-24 Dec.**

Next Meeting- 12 Nov

President's Remarks/Closing Prayer- Fr. Zach Greenwell/ Closing time- 6:55 pm