Saint John the Evangelist Parish Pastoral Council

September 17, 2026

Pastoral Council Minutes/Reports

Attendance: Father Zach, Christine Rowe, Dominic Price, Eric Long, Teresa Warner, Cathy Sedberry, Art Johnson, Raquel Nunez, Betty Phillips

Call to Order/Welcome-Christine Rowe: 6:11pm
Opening Prayer- Father Zach
Old Business
Restriping of parking lot: Successful completion, thanks to our church community and Father Zach's Approval.
Liturgical Training & Discipleship Groups Meeting: Usher training completed 16 September. Training for Lectors 6pm, EHMC 7pm 23 September. Training for Sacristans 6pm Altar servers 7pm 24 September.
New Business/Ongoing
Gift Shop opening on regular basis: Discussed among group, volunteer recruitment in process. Future ideas for the use of that room also discussed. This topic will be discussed again next month.
Updates on land and statue commissions: Land Acquisition Committee: We narrowed down to our top two choices for land on Boll Weevil Circle, and I presented all of our research to the Finance Council for all the properties we visited. The council has approved submitting the land purchase proposal to the archdiocese. Pete Bartosch wrote a letter, which Father is reviewing and will submit immediately, as the archdiocese meets at the end of September to make decisions on parish land purchases. Reported by Jennie Chancey.

Father Zach also discussed this proposal with the council. He explained the process and told the council that the archdiocese should have a decision next week.

Statue Commission: Dominic Price was present and gave us an update on the St. John the Evangelist statue. A budget was discussed and Dominic will continue his search for the statue within the church's budget.

The statue of Queen of Heaven with Child Jesus has been ordered and is in production. The statue was ordered 22 June.

Ex-Officio Organization Reports

Catholic Youth Ministry-Lauren Clark

Brett Markkey (cc'd) has agreed to represent our youth at the parish council meeting.

- We had our kick-off event on Sept 2nd outside, thanks to the Knights for grilling; followed by our first 2 formal class- nights last week and this week. So far there are 85 students registered and attending (grades 6-12).
- We had low attendance at our Confirmation Parent Meeting last Wednesday night (2 parents) - any parents or students needing more information can contact Lauren at youthministry@stjohnenterprise.org or ask for an info packet at the office (which are printed, but need to be organized for Debra to easily hand out as needed).
- The Knights announced the annual essay contest at Youth night last night, and details about the contest will be posted in the weekly Flocknote.
- Parents should sign up for the weekly newsletter through Flocknote to stay updated on the latest with youth group - if anyone has trouble with signing up or isn't receiving the emails, they should contact Lauren at youthministry@stjohnenterprise.org.
- Finally, vendor applications for our annual Christmas Market are available at the office and upon request (email Lauren) - the Market is scheduled for Saturday, December 12th from 9am-3pm in St. John Hall only (no Guadalupe Hall this year). We'd love for the whole parish to come by and support our youth and vendors! Plans for extra booths if needed to be discussed with Fr. Zach :)

Religious Education-Guadelupe Reyes/James Pair: No report/approximately 120 students enrolled in Sunday School classes.

Finance Council-Church Finance Report-Danny DeOrian: No report

Knights of Columbus-Wayne Bardell/Eric Long

One topic not in our notes was asking Father if he had any objections to the Knights hanging our wall plaques, etc. in the lobby of St John's Hall. We would like to remove our items them from the one classroom - declutter the room - so the Sunday School class could use the wall space for their items. Currently, the classroom looks overwhelmed with wall paraphernalia.

Knights of Columbus

Silver Rose Service. Social thanks and appreciation to Deacons' Caesar Ortega and Jeff Lesh for their support in hosting the Silver Rose. We had about 50 people attend, including the Knights and the Color Guard. A reception followed the Service in St John's Hall.

Coats for Kids. Knights have ordered both toddler, children, youth and adult lightweight jackets for distribution to members of our Parish. Coats will be tentatively be made available during St John's Fall Festival on Sunday, 25 October or in the November timeframe.

Oktoberfest Fest. Knight will not host the Oktoberfest this year due to scheduling conflicts. Only two available dates for a Friday event conflicted with Enterprise High School Homecoming and the other date was the Friday before the the Sunday Fall Festival.

Support to the Altar Servers. The Knights will provide approximately $500 to fund the Altar Servers Training and Dinner on Thursday, 24 September.

Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. All Catholic students in grades 8 - 12 are encouraged to write on the theme of: "The rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God." In 500-750 words, explain what this quote from former U.S. President and Knights of Columbus member John F. Kennedy's 1961 Inaugural address means and its importance for the flourishing of a nation. All contestants will be recognized for their participation in the contest with the first and second place winners receiving a cash prize. The two categories are 8-10 grades and 11-12 grades. Entry and parent consent forms are available in the lobby of the church, in the Parish Office or on the website at www.stjohnenterprise.org. Entry forms and essay may be dropped off at the Parish Office or mailed to: Parish Office, ATTN: Knights of Columbus, Council 11480, 123 Heath Street, Enterprise, Alabama 36330. Deadline for essay submission is 23 October. For additional information, please contact Eric Long at eric.long39@gmail.com or Text (325) 405-0429.

Knights will Support Enterprise's Spooky in the Park. Knights will sponsor a booth and provide candy to children at the annual event on Saturday, 30 October at Henderson Park.

Knights Sponsor Food for Families. St John's will host a second collection on the weekend of 14-15 November to help support the Knights in their efforts to raise funds for the Food for Families program. Last year, the Knights collected, through fund raising and with the help of a second collection, almost $5,000 to feed parish families over the holiday season and into the new year. For further information, please contact Brother Shaun Miller, text (334) 389-2040 or email ssmiller08gsxr@gmail.com.

Ladies Guild-Cathy Sedberry: Ladies Guild resumed Monday Sept 14th. We had 28 ladies to join us. Our talk was on the sorrows of Mary. We have a new secretary, Joan Frei. We will be conducting the Bingo at Fall festival on Oct 18th. A calendar will be created for October Rosaries before each Mass involving each of our ministries. The Deanery will resume soon and we will be back on to the planning of the Jubilee pilgrimage that will go thru January 10 2027, we will prepare info for the vestibule for all parishioners … ladies Guild will meet again Oct. 5th. Theresa ACCW convention will be the weekend of Oct. 3-4th in Mobile all ladies are welcome see Connie Seyler for information

Facilities/Maintenance-Mick Norris/Pat Rudzinky: Nothing to report as of now.

Beautification-Art Johnson: There is a need for volunteers for the beautification committee. The members are aging and are having more difficulties with working during the hot season. Raquel Nunez will ask the Hispanic community for help. The committee over budgeted this year, considering they have not taken on any new outdoor projects.

Ministry Reports

St. Mary's Catholic Church-Father Zach: Father has scheduled a meeting for St. Mary's to discuss maintenance and upkeep.

Christian Services-Suzie Steck/Cathy Sedberry

19 people came into Christian Services
13 received food
8 power bills
8 water bills
1 bill over $600
1 we couldn't help because they came before the 6 months' time limit.
1 food only
Total Dollars Spent: $1356.26
Electric Bills: $553.03
Water Bills: $804.23

HEARS-Rafi Rodriguez: No new projects at this time

Bereavement- Karen Haglund/Teresa Warner:

August/ Deceased/Funeral Services

Nonilon Fallaria Ray Fallaria (son) 410-269-9942

22 Oct 1941-12 Aug 2026 Cherry Fallaria Jordon (daughter)

Fr. Zach celebrated a funeral Mass on Friday, 28 Aug 2026 at 11 AM at

St. John. Burial TBA. Reception in St. John Hall following the Mass and

military honors. Anna Coffman helped with the reception—frying egg rolls prior to the luncheon. Sympathy cards were sent to Ray and Cherry.

Warm thanks to Wayne Bardel and the Knights of Columbus who always respond positively to requests for help with kitchen duties and clean-up at the receptions. The Bereavement Committee is grateful for their continuing support.

Plans are being made for the annual Memorial Mass on All Souls Day, November 2. More details will be available after meeting with Fr. Zach on Sept 18.

Parish Community Life-Seth & Kat Hundley: No report, organizing fall festival.
Church Decorations-Diane Doyle/Betty Phillips: No report, nothing new as of now.
OCIA-Jennie Chancey: OCIA: Record number of students this year, and new people still signing up. Classes are off to a great start, and the childcare option has been a game-changer for sure. Lots of younger couples with kids are able to attend OCIA now.

Sick & Homebound-Beverly Urech/Chris Rowe: Virginia and I brought Holy Communion to Don Etherington and Alita Stack yesterday. Both are on Hall 6 at the nursing home (Rooms 600 and 601). Don is looking great and hopefully will be going home in two weeks. Alita will be in rehab for a longer time. She has family and friends in Enterprise who are very supportive. She has cancer that will no longer be treated but is in good spirits. She is so appreciative of our bringing Holy Communion. She also prays with Dr. Sucgang every evening. (She always sat up front at the 9AM Mass.) She has lost weight but you would recognize her.

I visited Grady White just a few weeks ago in his home. He was in great spirits. We had a lively conversation. I was sad to hear of his passing. Report sent by Beverly Urech.

A list was provided of those receiving communion who and visits to the VA and Enterprise Nursing Home are included. Father Zach has this information on file. Sent by Beverly Urech

Hispanic-Raquel Nunez: Raquel Nunez will ask for volunteers from Hispanic community to help with food for the fall festival.
The Novenas were also discussed for December. The Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe begins 4 December thru 11 December. The Novena of the Nativity of Jesus Christ begins 16 December thru 24 December.

<u>Parishioner Issues/Discussions</u>
A clarification was provided by Father Zach on altar flowers. Father expressed his desire not to have the pots on the altar empty but to have a live plant if there are no fresh flowers available.
Upcoming Calendar Events: Father Zach's Drill Dates: 23- 25 October
Fall Festival: 18 October
Living Rosary: 25 October
President's remarks-Father Zach
Next Meeting-15 October: approved by Father Zach
Closing Prayer-Father Zach