

### ST. STANISLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH September 1, 2024

## Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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BAPTISM: Contact Monsignor Cox regarding preparation sessions and scheduling

PENANCE: Saturday 4:30-5:00 p.m. or by appointment

MARRIAGE: Contact Monsignor at least six months in advance for preparation and scheduling

#### MASS INTENTIONS: September 2 thru September 8

Monday: 8:00 a.m. † Dorothy Huhn
Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. Vincent Sommers Family
Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. † John & Frances Wilbers, Bill
& Sybilla Linnenbrink

\* This is a prayer service with Communion

Thursday: 8:00 a.m. † Arnold Wieberg

\* This is a prayer service with Communion

Friday: 8:00 a.m. † Nicole Kever Torres & Elijah

**Torres** 

\* This is a prayer service with Communion

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Markway & Veit families

5:30 p.m. † Victor & Marie Buschjost

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of

the Kolb, Struemph, & Buschjost Families

10:30 a.m. † Joe & Susie Schnieders

\* Monsignor Cox will offer this Mass at Fatima and Lourdes.

The Mass for The People of the Parish is being offered on Sunday, September 8 at St. Margaret Parish at 9:00 a.m.

**In Your Charity,** please pray for the repose of the soul of Judith E. Sandbothe, member of our parish, who passed away on August 24, 2024. May her soul and all the souls of the dearly departed rest in peace. Amen.

#### **Prayer Services**

White Monsignor is at Fatima and Lourdes, prayer services with Communion will be held on September 4-6 and September 9-10 with Deacon Larry. Masses with Fr. Finder will be held on September 2-3.

#### Perpetual Adoration Open Holy Hours

Saturday morning 1 am - 2 am (every other)
Sunday morning 2 am - 3 am (1st & 3rd)
Please call Donna at (573) 680-1470 if you are interested in joining our Perpetual Adoration Chapel program.

#### Faith-Food-Fellowship

Faith-Food-Fellowship will not be held on September 3rd because of Labor Day. Our next event will be October 1st so mark your calendars and join us.

#### MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR COX

Dear Parishioners.

I am leaving this weekend to lead a pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes. Father James Finder will be having the Masses here this weekend. Father James will also have Mass on Monday September 2nd and Tuesday September 3rd. Fr. Finder will have knee replacement surgery so Deacon Larry will lead a prayer service with Holy Communion on the weekdays. Father Kelechi from St. Francis Xavier, Taos, will have the confessions and Mass on the first Saturday September 7th. Father Walter Kispotta will have the weekend Masses on September 7th and 8th. I will return late on September 10th. Please know that I will pray for you as I visit these holy places, Please remember me in your prayers.

Monsignor Cox

#### Jubilee Year of 2025

Dear Parishioners,

Every 25 years, the Catholic Church proclaims a year of Jubilee. During that year various churches are designated pilgrimage churches where one may go to pray and obtain the Holy Year indulgences. The basilica's in Rome are given special prominence as places to make pilgrimage in the Year of Jubilee.

On December 24, 2024, Pope Francis will proclaim the Jubilee Year of 2025. Your are invited to make a pilgrimage to Rome in 2025. Several pilgrimages are being planned to travel from our Diocese to Rome. Monsignor Cox will lead a pilgrimage to Rome leaving on May 28 and returning June 5, 2025.

If you are interested, there are flyers in the back of church. Please register early to secure a spot!

#### First Saturday Devotion

Will be on Saturday, September 7 with Confessions at 7:00 am, the Rosary will begin at 7:40 am and Mass will begin at 8:00 am. Meditation will follow Mass. All are welcome to join.

#### Wardsville/Osage Bend Knights of Columbus

The next meeting will be on Monday, September 9 -St. Stanislaus School Cafeteria. Doors open at 6 pm, meal served at 7 pm with a meeting at 7:30 pm.

#### Bishop McKnight's September Prayer Intention for our Local Church

For those who serve our community as first responders; may God keep them safe as they serve with honor the safety and well-being of all.

#### St. Stanislaus School

Everyone is getting acclimated to new routines nicely. I was able to spend some time in the classrooms this week, and everyone is learning new and exciting things. The heat did not get us down too much, and students were able to enjoy a little bit of time outside.

Child Care: Immaculate Heart of Mary Child Development Center has openings for 2-3 year olds. If you or know anyone who is in need of childcare please have them contact 573-644-9177.

Enjoy the long weekend and be safe!

Many blessings, Mrs. Forbis

#### PSR Registration Now Open

Our Parish School of Religion (PSR) provides weekly religious education classes to children in our parish who are in kindergarten-7th grade and do not attend Catholic school. PSR classes will be every Wednesday night from 6:30-7:30 at St. Stanislaus School starting September 11th. If you would like to register your child(ren) for PSR, you can pick up a registration form from back of Church and return it to the Parish Center by September 1st. For more information on PSR, First Communion, or Confirmation, please email Abby Thompson at <a href="mailto:ststandre@ststan.net">ststandre@ststan.net</a>, or call the parish office.

#### R.C.I.A - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

We are making plans to begin R.C.I.A. classes for those who are interested in becoming Catholic. It is a 20 week program designed to enable a person to become a full participating member of the Catholic Church. If you know of anyone who would be interested in the R.C.I.A. program, please contact the Parish Center at 573-636-4925 or ststansec@socket.net to register.

#### LifeTeen on Break

LifeTeen at St. Stanislaus will be going on break to allow teens to settle in to the school year. LifeTeen will start back on **October 6th**. See you then!

#### MO Catholic Conference Statement on Amendment 3

Amendment 3, which will appear on Missouri's November 2024 ballot, is an extreme constitutional amendment that legalizes abortion at any stage of pregnancy with no protections for the preborn child, even when the child is capable of feeling pain. The amendment would effectively repeal long-standing health and safety standards for women. These include basic health and safety requirements for clinics where abortions are performed, requiring a physician to perform abortions, informed consent requirements, laws prohibiting public funding of abortion, and parental consent requirements before a minor's abortion.

#### Stewardship Survey Results

The Stewardship committee has met and reviewed the survey results from this past Spring. We are sharing those results with you as an attachment to the August 24/25 bulletin. They are also available online on the Stewardship tab on our website. The next step in our process is to set up a listening session to explore initiatives to "Vitalize our Parish." We encourage all parishioners to participate in joining us on September 17th at 6:15 pm in the Parish Center to share your thoughts and input to move our parish forward. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to email <a href="mailto:vitalizeourparish@ststan.net">vitalizeourparish@ststan.net</a>

#### Fall Small Group Study

Have you ever had an opportunity OR desire to share your faith? Have you ever thought about what a difference this would make in your life or the life of others?

Maybe you have been inspired by someone else's faith story. This is what St. Stanislaus small group studies are all about!

Beginning October 1st, small groups, hopefully including YOU, will be doing just that. You will have an opportunity to join groups, meet new people, or see others in a whole new light by being part of a session discussing the Beatitudes.

The groups will meet weekly for 4 weeks during October. The lessons are designed to take about an hour.

We will have a sign-up sheet in the back of church or you can scan the QR code below. Additionally, you can email or call Dana Wilbers with questions or to sign up. Her contact information is dwil-

bers@goascend.biz or 573.619.8701



#### Joy in Jesus

Parish members of all ages are invited to attend **Joy in Jesus**, Sunday, September 15 from noon-2:30pm. The event will be located in the St. Stanislaus parish gym. A delicious lunch, catered by Reinhardt Circle, will be provided. Parishioners are invited to bring a dessert to share. There is no cost to attend/free will offering. Gym doors open at **11**:30am.

Immediately following our opening remarks and blessing, children K-6th grade will be invited to move to an area where they will be served their meal and enjoy age-appropriate fun activities planned especially for them.

Our guest speaker for the event is Deacon Mike Brooks. A wonderful storyteller, Deacon Brooks brings humor, insight and inspiration into his messages. His deep love for Christ is evident as his God-given messages strengthen our resolve to bring light into the world. Deacon Mike has also graciously accepted our invitation to concelebrate our 10:30 mass along with Msgr. Cox.

<u>Special music presentations</u> will be performed by Connie Andrews, Pam Stumpe and a choir of children's voices.

<u>Please note:</u> The RSVP date is Wednesday, September 4. For questions you may contact Connie Andrews (573) 291-8600, Melodi Graessle (573) 690-1400 or Jamie Webb (573) 301-3925.

How to Register: Mail or drop off registration form to: St. Stanislaus Church (parish center), 6418 Rt. W, Jefferson City, MO 65101 or email leannkorsmeyer@gmail.com

<u>Please Note:</u> In order to provide the proper amount of food/drink and plan for activities, please provide the total amount of attendees, and how many of the attendees are K-6th grade. Also note if there are dietary restrictions for the attendee.

We look forward to sharing with you a faith-filled afternoon of fun, good food, fellowship and solid messages of the **Joy** in **Jesus.** 

#### CHURCH CLEANING: Pat Grothoff, Mary Kay Hoelscher, Belynda Imhoff and Paul Imhoff

Please clean church before the week-end of September 7 and 8

<u>Cemetery Grass Cutters for September</u> Mark Buschjost, Chairman; Adam Buschjost; Brad Buschjost; Brody Buschjost; Cadie Buschjost; Garett Buschjost; Jason Buschjost; Justin Buschjost; and Dale Buschjost.

Liturgical Role Schedule for September 7 and 8 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time				
	Saturday, 5:30 PM	Sunday, 7:30 AM	Sunday, 10:30 AM	
Altar Server	Dylan Howell	Hayden Kohlmeier	Tyler Hoelscher	
	Charlie Schrimpf	Hudson Kohlmeier	Ethan Hood	
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Gloria Lane	Suzette Mertens	Dana Wilbers	
Reader	Lori Lopez	Peggy Luebbert	Sharon Gulick	
Rosary Leader	Paul Rodeman	Jane Meldrem	Donna Bernskoetter	
Usher	Sam Lock	Mike Mertens	Nolan Bennett	
	Paul Luebbert	David Moeller	Gary Bilyeu	
	Darrell Mantle	Doug Moeller	Roger Bruemmer	
	Landon Mantle	Jeff Rackers	Ted Bruemmer	
Greeter	Leon & Hilde Eichholz	Charles & Lois Bax	Paul Stonner	
Offertory	Eugene & Cheryl Boessen	Tim & Denise Simmon	Brianna Perkins & Family	
Music Ministry	Donna Halbrook & Choir	Dianne Bisges & Choir	Ashley Dudenhoeffer	
			Pam Stonner	
			Audrey Kaiser	

#### **Job Opportunity:**

The Cathedral of St Joseph is hiring a Facilities Coordinator.
This full-time, salaried position will work with the pastor and administrative team to oversee all aspects of the Cathedral's facilities (Cathedral, rectory, school, and parish office) while managing the custodial and maintenance staff. For more information, or to submit a resume and cover letter, please email Fr. Jones at pastor@cathedralic.org

#### **Womens Retreat**

Starkenburg, The Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows in Herman, is having a retreat with Fr. Joseph on October 4th from 8:30am to 3 pm. Please RSVP to Julie.g@cathedraljc.org.

#### Men's Night of Reflection

Please join Msgr. Robert A. Kurwicki on September 4th from 7-8 p.m. (after XLT). Reflection on the History of Our Diocese will be held in the School Cafeteria at the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

#### Women Ministry

Our Women Ministry will meet the <u>2nd and 3rd Wednesday of each month.</u> Please join us on Wednesday, September <u>11 from 8:30 - 10:30</u> am in the Parish Center. Everyone is welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Mary Kay Hoelscher at <u>573-230-6227</u>.

#### Parish Directory

Please pick up your Parish Directory from the Parish Center. If you did not place a family photo in the parish directory you can purchase a directory for \$20.

#### Covenant Network Catholic Radio

Can you believe that Summer is waning and Fall schedules are on the horizon. Seasons come and go, but the love of the Lord remains. Our focus must be to remain in His love through daily prayer and deepening our knowledge of our Faith. Covenant Network Catholic radio can help in our struggle to stay focused. Our excellent programming will remind you daily of the things that really matter in life. Come pray with us and learn more about our Catholic Faith by tuning into KHJR 88.1 FM, or listen anytime on our Covenant Network app or at OurCatholicRadio.org.

#### **Pickleball**

Come Join the Fun! Pickleball at the St. Stanislaus Pickleball Courts open play for adults is back on Thursdays from 5:15 until dusk. Contact Karen Douglas with any questions at 573-694-6700. Free lessons upon request.

Collection Numbers for August 25, 2024				
Parish Collection:				
Sunday Offering	\$	6,019.00		
Loose Cash & Checks	\$	920.76		
Capital Improvements	\$	30.00		
Diocesan Missions	\$			

St. Stanislaus parishioners are very generous—both of their talents and financially. You are appreciated! Please remember to write a separate check for anything outside of Sunday giving i.e. Samaritan Center, Memorial Masses, candles, etc. Thank you as this makes the processing of your financial gifts easier.

#### **Upcoming Local Events**

<u>Our Lady of the Snows Parish Picnic—Mary's Home</u>— Sunday, September 1, 11 am—7 pm, Serving Fried Chicken and Roast Beef Dinner, Adults \$15, Children (6-12) \$7, 5 yrs and under Free

Finding Peace in Any Storm—St. Martin Parish—September 6, 6:30-8:30pm— register at https://diojeffcity.org/wm-sept-2024-events-sterling-jaquith/ or call: Maddle Gramlich 573-635-9127.

<u>Ducks Unlimited, Loose Creek Community Center</u>, September 7, Smoked Prime Rib dinner, Doors open at 5pm. \$100 couple, \$65 singles, Call Jeff Mertens at 573-680-2205 or go to www.ducks.org/events

<u>St. Anthony of Padua Fall Festival, Folk, MO</u>, Sunday, September 8, 11 am-6pm, Roast Beef & Whole Hog Sausage Dinners, Drive Thru and Carry Outs, Meals \$16 ea.

<u>St. Louis of France Parish Fall Festival, Bonnots Mill</u>, Sunday September 15, 2024, Noon—6 pm, Serving Fried Chicken and Bone-In Ham, \$15 per plate

Our Lady, Help of Christians Parish Fall Festival, Frankenstein—September 22, 11 am-6 pm, Serving Baked Turkey and Country Sausage, \$15 plate

St. Aloysius & St. Boniface Fall Festival—Argyle MO—Sunday October 6. Serving fried chicken from 11 am—6 pm, Dine-In or Carry-out. \$15 Plate.

#### **Quilters Notes**

Quilting will start on September 3rd. Quilting hours are: Monday 8am–11:30am and Tuesday 8am-1pm Newquilters are welcome.

<u>Prayer Hotline:</u> Contact Kay Stockman at 573-536-8777 or Karen Schenewerk at 573-635-3943 for prayer line requests or to be added to the prayer line.

# Liturgical Ministries Training

Hosted by The Diocesan Liturgical Commission

#### August 31, 2024

Our Latty of Lourdes

903 Bernadette Dr., Columbia, MO Gather in the Church @ 9:40 am

#### September 7, 2024

St. Patrick Chapel

415 E. 4th St., Secialia, MO All are welcome to celebrate 9:00 am Mass

#### September 28, 2024

St. Patrick Catholic Church 17 St. Patrick Ln., Rolla, MO

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October 5, 2024 St. Joseph Cathedral

2305 W. Main St. Jefferson City, MO

#### November 9, 2024

Immaculate Conception 402 N. Rollins St., Macon, MO



10:00 am Welcome and Prayer

10:05 am Keynote by Fr. Dan

- · What is Liturgy?
- What are the postures used during the Liturgy and when?
- . What does it mean to be a minister of the Liturgy?

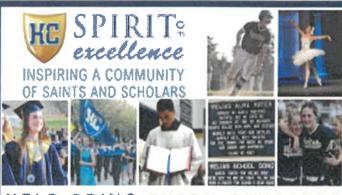
#### 10:30 am Breakout Sessions

- Lectors
- Sacristans
- Musicians
- EMHCs

(VIRTUS trainer available throughout)

12:00 pm Sharing of the Wealth & Questions

12:15 pm Closing Prayer



# HELP BRING EVERY CRUSADER HOME TO HELIAS CATHOLIC

Helias Catholic High School is blessed to count every member of our local partner parishes as an important part of the Crusader family.

Whether you are a Helias Catholic graduate, currently have children attending Helias Catholic or will in the future, or are simply grateful for what Helias Catholic contributes to our community, we hope you will join us in this effort to complete the campus of our Catholic high school serving the families of our local parishes.

We are in our final fundraising stages this year for the Spirit of Excellence project, and we're counting on the investment of our community to help us continue building a community of saints and scholars for Christ for future generations of Crusaders.

If you're among those who have already contributed to the Spirit of Excellence campaign, thank you for your generosity and continued support!

If you've considered contributing to this investment in the future of Helias Catholic but have not yet made your gift, now is the time! Please visit website or scan the QR code below to make an online donation or request a pledge card.

With gratitude,

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Ron Vossen President, Helias Catholic High School



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#### Walk for Life Silent Auction 2024

This year our Walk for Life will be held on Sunday, September 22 after the 10:30 Mass at a new location—the St. Stanislaus-St. Margaret Community Center and new home of the Knights of Columbus, located right below the school and church property, 6431 Route B.

Things will be much the same, but we are adding a few different activities.

One of these is a Silent Auction! We are asking anyone who might have items that you are no longer using, to consider donating them to the Silent Auction. This would include books, household items, dishes, toys, paintings, toiletry items, gift cards of any kind, gift boxes or bags—or any miscellaneous items that might be in good shape! They do not have to be new, but only in good condition. Food items go well, so if you would like to donate breads, desserts, etc., you can bring those items to the Center the morning of the Walk! The other non-perishable items can be brought either to the Parish Center or dropped off at the Perpetual Adoration library between now and Sept. 22!

You will be able to view all the donated items at the building after the Saturday night 5:30 Mass (9/21/24--the building will be open), and you may even start a bid if you find something you like! The building will again be open on Sunday morning (9/22/24) after 7:30 Mass and remain open until the end of the Walk for Life festivities.

We will be accepting cash, check, credit cards or Venmo.

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Stanislaus/St. Margaret Pro-life group

P.S. If you would like to join our pro-life group, please contact Laurie or Denise at the Parish Center (636-4925) and they will add you to our list!

#### Announcement from the Knights of Columbus

We, the Knights of Columbus, are here today to speak for those without a voice... the unborn. I am sure most of you know we will be voting on a Pro-Abortion amendment to the Missouri state constitution in November which will forever change our rights as Missourians. Called, Missouri Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment (2024), it is nothing more than legalized killing of babies. We would hope and pray I wouldn't have to ask or persuade any of you here to vote to protect the unborn. What we are asking and encouraging you to do is go to your workplace, schools or friends' groups and bring up the subject. Make sure your circle knows how you stand and they know the facts of this proposed amendment.

We do not have the exact wording that will be on the ballot yet, but here are a few key points of this amendment:

- Taxpayer funded abortions
- · Abortions for minors without parental consent
- Remove liability and regulations from abortion providers
- Make abortions available up to the point of birth
- Pregnancy Resource Centers must refer abortions

The funding for the support of this amendment is almost 100% from outside Missouri such as the ACLU. The funding opposed to this amendment is 100% from various pro-life groups within Missouri. Why would any Missourian vote for any law proposed and funded entirely by groups outside our state? To combat this evil amendment, the Knights of Columbus has earmarked money from our Meet Life Fund. This money would normally be used to help protect the unborn and help families at-risk. Two years ago, at the KC state convention, we passed a resolution making \$5 per member a council obligation. We have asked all KC councils in the state to contribute their \$5 per member obligation to Meet Life (more if you can) as soon as possible. This vote in November will have life and death consequences. History will judge as to how hard we fight this evil amendment and stand up for the unborn.

Please be alert and vigilant. As more information becomes known, the Knights of Columbus will be here to keep you informed and protect the lives of our most vulnerable.

#### St. Stanislaus Church Parish Council Minutes August 20, 2024

Monsignor David Cox called the meeting to order and led the council with an opening prayer. New council members were welcomed followed by introductions.

**Council Members Present:** Pat Mingucci, Eric Jaegers, Tim Hagenhoff, Betty Kever, Pam Stonner, Emily Mantle, Emily Bailey, Missy Wilbers, and Sue Rackers **Special guest:** Tina Forbis, St. Stanislaus School Principal, and Gary and Dana Wilbers

Minutes: The minutes from May 14, 2024, were approved by all.

**Stewardship Committee:** Gary and Dana Wilbers presented a Stewardship Committee update. The 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the Catholic Stewardship Renewal (CSR) will soon begin. Kickoff Sunday will be held on October 5, 2024. The Committee is considering a ministry fair on parish grounds after each mass that weekend.

- Parish survey results will be available at masses on August 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. 186 parishioners completed the survey and approximately 48 pages of comments were received. Comments (unmodified) will be available on the parish website under the stewardship tab. Parishioners are encouraged to review the comments.
- September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.: A listening session for parishioners will be held relating to stewardship. Members of the Parish Council, School Advisory Board and Finance Council are encouraged to attend (minimum of two representatives from each).
- October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>: Lay witness to present at each mass.
- October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>: This marks commitment weekend. Last year 25% of parishioners and 26% of school families submitted their commitment packets. Discussion followed about other ways to encourage submission of packets by parishioners and school families.
- Other areas in which the Stewardship Committee have been engaged or are expanding
  engagement include deanery meetings, RCIA with other parishes, ministry fairs, incorporating
  stewardship packets into welcome packets, food for the homebound, youth group, and rollout of a
  Welcome Committee.

**September 15**<sup>th</sup> **Parish Event "Joy & Jesus":** This is a parish event for socializing and fellowship. It will take place following the 10:30 a.m. mass and will host a variety of activities for adults and for kids. Deacon Mike Brooks (Garth Brooks' brother) will be the speaker. All are invited to attend.

**February 8<sup>th</sup>: "Welcome" Weekend:** This weekend retreat aims to inspire parishioners, build community and transform our parish. This event is brought by Dynamic Catholic. Additional information to come.

#### Parish Facility Updates:

- The parish recently updated the downstairs bathroom in the parish center to allow for better usage of the facility's downstairs area.
- Other items being investigated include sewer drain repairs to eliminate water in the basement of
  the parish center. Two trees on the parish grounds are creating issues and need to be trimmed
  professionally, stumps require grinding, and tree removal is needed. Korte Tree Service and
  Troesser Landscaping submitted bids to perform services. Additional bids to be submitted and
  considered regarding foundation work.
- A request to beautify the island in the parking lot was made and noted. Discussion was held regarding prioritization of projects and ongoing maintenance.

#### St. Stanislaus School News: Tina Forbis reported on school news including:

186 children are enrolled for the 2024-2025 school year and 114 families.

- The self-study brought about a change in the entry for children into the school. It seems to be going well.
- There are two kindergarten classes with 24 total students.

**Rental Policies:** Monsignor requested a review of rental policies for parish facilities such as the gym, pavilion, etc. Discussion followed around calendar tracking, Virtus compliance, legal review of rental policies, and parish needs. In addition to these, it was noted brides currently use classrooms in the school for dressing for weddings. Monsignor suggested using the basement of the rectory for a bride's room and asked the council to consider as a future business item.

Parish Council By-Laws: Council by-laws were distributed to members for awareness.

**Distribution of the Precious Blood:** Parishioners inquired as to when St. Stanislaus will return to distribution of the Precious Blood at communion and reinstatement of the sign of peace. With cold and flu season coming up and a resurgence of COVID in varying forms, this distribution will not begin soon. Monsignor encouraged parishioners to do what they are comfortable with during the mass at the time of "sign of the peace" – shake hands, nod, etc.

**Upcoming Meetings:** The council designated upcoming meetings on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. on the following dates: October 15, 2024; January 21, 2025; March 18, 2025; and May 20, 2025. The next normally scheduled meeting is set for Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.

Monsignor Cox led the council with a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Rackers