

JP II Parish Council Meeting minutes 01/07/2026

Attendees: Frank Hulsman, Lucy Miller, Kathy Huber, Sarah Schurfranz, Maria Franks, Heather Meyers, Father Casey and Rob Tichy

1. December meeting minutes – Approved
2. Director’s December report – None sent out due to Christmas break
 - a.
3. Diocesan planning process -
 - a. Father Casey began by reviewing our response to the Diocesan plan
 - b. Frank’s brother is the finance minister at St. Simon and Jude and Most Blessed Sacrament are both recommending closing. This is a different Deanery than ours. Tough recommendation but an honest one, the condition of the church is dreary with a small population.
 - c. Close Holy Family
 - d. Close St Bartholomew be absorbed by St Martha to round out parish territory
Make JP II the Hispanic a portion of the temporal goods would be diverted here
 - e. Close St Bridgette
 - f. Close Our Mother of Sorrows
 - g. Schools, ministries and parish services leave to each pastor to decide.
Consider leveraging the bookkeeping between parishes
 - h. No new parishes or mergers
 - i. St Bartholomew will provide academy funding for a term of three years and after five years re-evaluate viability of JP II Academy if attendance continues to decline
 - j. Frank mentioned that 2 new students started today and 2 more will start tomorrow
 - k. Kathy brought up that Martha is thriving at both the church and school
 - l. Should we recommend JP II and Bartholomew merging

- m. January 23rd is deadline for the recommendation, Archdiocese will review them and then the pastors will meet to come to a consensus by the end of 2026
 - n. Our recommendation was approved
4. Open Discussion
- a. Father reviewed the renderings that he requested be created to move the tabernacle and redesign the altar/sanctuary.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 4th at 5:45 starting in the church.