

Mission Statement for the Archdiocese: To proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ through his saving death and resurrection by calling, forming and sending disciples to go and make new disciples. As a people, we are called to encounter Jesus and grow as disciples through the sacramental life of the Church.

SNCPPC Vision Statement: We are a united and diverse Catholic community joined through the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. By virtue of the intercession of Mary, we aspire to create an ever-increasing spiritual thirst for Jesus that ignites faith through the sacramental life of the church.

Sheboygan North Catholic Parishes
Pastoral Council Minutes
May 28, 2026, 6:30 p.m., Dominican Hall, St. Clement
Approved June 4, 2026

Pastoral Council Members and Staff Present: Fr. Nick Baumgardner (Pastor), Fr. Dennis Beltré (Associate Pastor), Dcn. Jim Hall (SNCP), Joshua Braun (Guest Seminarian), Luanne Bemis (SC), Jeanne Bitkers (SD), Tom Clarke (HNJ), Nick Devine (SD), Daniel Duessing (SD), Mary Greenway (HNJ), Don Holmes (SD), Lauren Jacobs (HNJ), Tom Jetzer (SC), Donna Karr (HNJ), Jeanne Kobuszewski (SC), Michele Konrad (HNJ), Bob Mair (SD), Mary Petrie (SNCP Pastoral and Administrative Assistant), Anne Skowlund (SC) and James TenPas (SD).

Excused: Danilo Batres (SC), Mary Jo Bugembe (HNJ) and Anahi Escobar (SC).

Welcome: Chair Dan Duessing called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Mission and Vision Statements: Read aloud by all council members

Opening Prayer: Nick Devine

1. Consent Agenda:

a. Minutes: March 26, 2026

Online approval April 1, 2026.

b. Committee Reports

i. SNCP Stewardship, April 7, 2026. Additional Note: A subgroup met last night to review Time and Talent sign up. All new parishioners interested in joining a committee or ministry will be contacted by the Stewardship Committee members to thank them. This will be followed by contact from the specific committee or ministry lead. Then, after a month or so, the Stewardship Committee members will again contact those expressing interest in joining a group to be sure they were contacted.

ii. SD Prayer & Worship, April 14, 2026

iii. SD Human Concerns, April 16, 2026

iv. HNJ Prayer and Worship, April 27, 2026

v. SC Prayer and Worship, April 30, 2026

vi. SD Prayer & Worship, May 12, 2026

2. Pastor/Associate Pastor Reports

a. Fr. Nick Baumgardner

Guest Seminarian

Seminarian Joshua Braun has arrived; he has just completed his junior year of college. He will be with us for two months to experience firsthand life in a parish. The third floor of the rectory renovations are just finishing up.

Richardson School

A lease with the Richardson School has officially been signed with school beginning in September. Initial renovations will focus on the basement and first floor of the school; they anticipate having five students the first year. With the renovations, some items are being packed up in some areas of the school building, but they will be retained by St. Dominic Parish. Rent will be paid starting in September. It is a five-year lease with an option for two renewals.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel

On target to open on June 7 at 6 p.m. The chapel will initially be open from Sunday 6 p.m. to Friday 6 p.m. All are encouraged to prayerfully consider giving one hour of time to our Lord. There will be an open house Friday, June 5 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Fr. Nick is also making a video that will provide details and logistics for those participating in adoration in the chapel.

Corpus Christi Processions

The processions will occur the same as last year. Saturday from St. Dominic to Holy Name and Sunday from Holy Name to St. Clement.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Garden

A generous donation has allowed this to come about. It will be on the south side of St. Clement and work will begin soon.

b. Fr. Dennis Beltré

First Communion

First Communion at the St. Clement 12:15 p.m. Mass had approximately 30 children participate. It was a very beautiful celebration and very positive to see the large number of new people coming to church and the Eucharist.

3. Financial Report

SNCP Finance Manager

Tabitha Hackney, a parishioner of St. Dominic, has been hired. She will begin her role sometime in August. She has a great deal of experience as an accountant, as she worked in banking and as an accountant for a non-profit organization. She will begin employment later this summer.

Financial Data Update

Financial information through April will be posted in an upcoming *Bulletin*. As an overview, the status of each parish follows:

Holy Name of Jesus is +\$62,000 over budget

St. Clement is +\$11,000 over budget

St. Dominic is -\$9,000 under budget

Seton School is +\$86,000 over budget. Volunteers will be painting the inside of the school and repaving the playground this summer.

The fiscal year for the parishes and school runs from July 1 to June 30th, so the fiscal year is coming to an end.

4. Book Discussion: *Why We're Catholic* by Trent Horn, Chapters 18, 19 and 20.

Comments included: The chapter on purgatory was appreciated and helped us to understand better. Also, a comment about praying to the saints was made as well as the statement where Jesus said, "I am the vine and you are the branches-we are one through Christ". The chapter on Why We Honor Mary was also appreciated.

5. Old Business

a. Parish Security – Further Discussion

Fr. Nick provided council members with a proposal from ushers for additional security measures at Mass for St. Dominic and Holy Name. The council split up with St. Dominic members in one group and Holy Name members in another. St. Clement joined whichever group they preferred.

Each group assigned a scribe and was asked to provide feedback to Fr. Nick to take back to the usher groups. They were to identify the positive aspects as well as concerns.

b. SNCP Volunteer Recognition Event – Recap

Jeanne Bitkers expressed thanks to all the Council members for their participation. She shared the many positive comments that were received. (See Attachment to these minutes). The evening was well attended. The planning committee of three people (Jeanne, Mary Jo Bugembe and Michele Konrad) strongly recommended holding Bingo night #2 next April

22. The three original committee members will continue to plan for next year and would like three new volunteers to work with them and then plan year #3. If interested, please let one of the original three members know.

6. New Business

a. **Nomination process for open Pastoral Council terms.** Use a QR code to submit nominations. There are two openings for St. Dominic and two openings for St. Clement.

b. Recent and Upcoming Parish Events

- i. **Memorial Day Mass, May 25, 8 a.m., Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum** – There were 88 people in attendance.
- ii. **Graduation Mass – May 31, 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clement**
- iii. **Corpus Christi Processions – June 6th and 7th**
- iv. **Totus Tuus, Summer Youth Program, July 5-10, St. John Evangelist, Kohler**
- v. **Youth Mission Trip to Waterloo, IA, July 12th-17th.**
- vi. **SNCP Little Lourdes Day, August 12th.**

c. End of 2025-26 Pastoral Council Term: Final Thoughts

Dan Duessing is ending his position as Council Chair and expressed gratitude to the council for their support throughout the year. There were a lot of great things that happened at the North Side Parishes this year. Fr. Nick plans to send out a survey to council members to identify what is working and where we could improve.

Closing Prayer: Michele Konrad

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Greenway on behalf of Mary Jo Bugembe, SNCP Pastoral Council Secretary
May 31, 2026

Next Meeting: No meetings in June and July. The next scheduled meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, August 27, 2026 at 6:30 p.m., Dominican Hall, St. Clement

Committee Reports- Due by the 15th of the Month, Email to:
mjbugembe@gmail.com (Mary Jo Bugembe, Council Secretary)