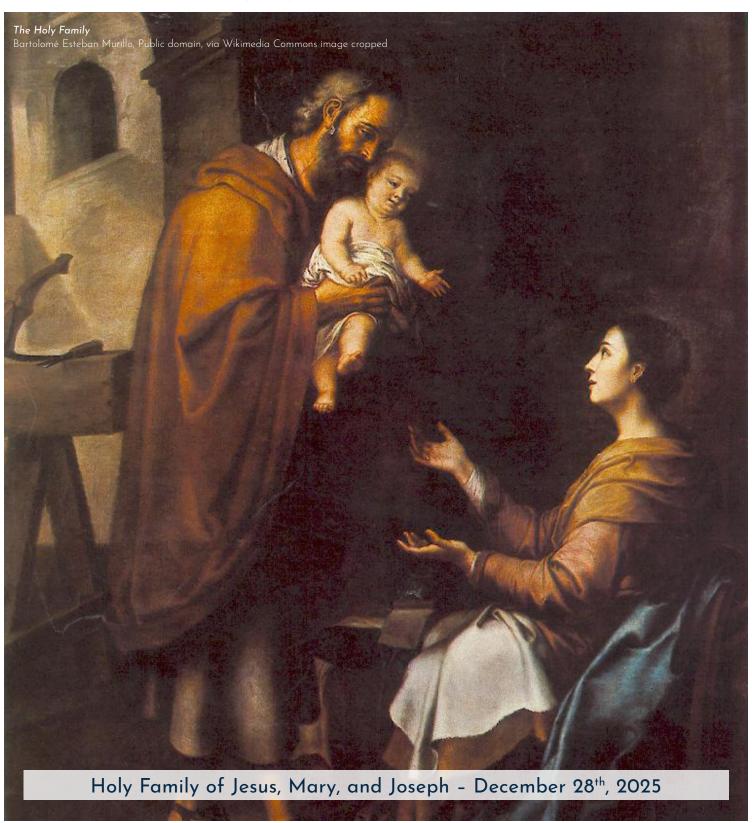


HOLY FACE OF JESUS

PARISH

We exist to offer the life-giving intimacy of Jesus to the hurried, lonely, and lost.



Christmas Gratitude

As 2025 ends and we continue celebrating Jesus' birth, I am deeply grateful for our parishioners and your service to Christ and His Church. Christmas preparations involve many people, and I appreciate our staff's organization, our musicians' dedication, and everyone's patience with my shenanigans (Seananigans). Thank you to those who decorated our churches—your creativity truly shines—and to all who donated poinsettias, which add life to our worship spaces.

Seeing our parishioners' generous service makes me reflect on how people contribute to parish life and serve God.

Thank you to everyone who serves on various **Committees:** Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, Buildings and Grounds Committee, Cemetery Committees, the Respect Life Committee, 4th of July Festival Committee, Fryburg Homecoming, and Reverse Raffle Committee. Your advice and coordination immensely help our parish.

Our **young people** are served by (literally) hundreds of volunteers. Thanks to everyone who takes time to care for them: the Life Teen Core Team, CYO coaches, Jr. High Core Teams, CCD Catechists and aides, and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd leaders.

Countless volunteers help with sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with **adults** in countless ways. Kudos to our Alpha team, Becoming Catholic team, the Parish

Mission Committee, the Christ Renews His Parish team, Engaged Couple Retreat volunteers, Mentor couples, and the Anchored Core Team.

Thank you to everyone who prepares **meals and hospitality:** the Wednesday high school meals, coffee and doughnuts, the funeral meals, Alpha meals, and the Ladies Sodalities.

Thank you to everyone who serves in various **Liturgical Ministries:** Cantors, choir members, funeral choirs, lectors, altar servers, ushers, greeters, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, decorators, adoration chapel coordinators, and sacristans.

Finally, a big thanks to those involved in various **Outreach Ministries:** hospital visits, those who visit the nursing homes, our homebound visitors, Stephen Ministry, God's Storehouse, Mercy Unlimited, the Fish Pond Food Pantry, crisis pregnancy centers, and the Society of the Good Samaritan.

I couldn't figure out which group to put our collection counters in. Thank you for your regular help and attention to detail.

It is a blessing to serve this great parish. May you have a very blessed New Year and we will see what God does in 2026 in our parish!

Sincerely, Fr. Sean Wilson

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Regular Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigils

4pm Immaculate Conception, 4:30pm St. Joseph

8am St. John, 8:30am St. Lawrence, 10am

St. Joseph, 10:30am Immaculate Conception

Monday

8am Immaculate Conception

Tuesday

8am St. Joseph

Wednesday

8am St. Lawrence, 8am St. John

Thursday

8am Immaculate Conception, 8am St. Joseph

Friday

8am Immaculate Conception, 8am St. Joseph

8am St. John (Anointing of the Sick during 1st

Saturday Masses)

Saturday

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, December 27th

4:00 p.m. IC Chad Knueve

4:30 p.m. SJ L&D Adrain & Mildred Sheipline Family

Sunday, December 28th Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

8:00 a.m. SJF L&D Bob & Della Oksanen Family

8:30 a.m. SL Marilyn Behr

10:00 a.m. SJ People of Holy Face of Jesus Parish

10:30 a.m. IC Marie Behr

Monday, December 29th

8:00 a.m. IC Venard & Cindy Fisher

Tuesday, December 30th

8:00 a.m. SJ Tom Moran - Anniversary

Wednesday, December 31st PM Masses for Holy Day

8:00 a.m. SJF Tom & Nancy Kohlrieser

8:00 a.m. SL L&D Hoying & Staton Families

4:00 p.m. IC Nancy Eyink - Birthday

4:30 p.m. SJ Eva & Bobbie Oen

Thursday, January 1st Holy Day of Obligation - Mary, Mother of God

8:00 a.m. SJF People of Holy Face of Jesus Parish

8:30 a.m. SL Georgia Brunson

10:00 a.m. SJ Fred Jacobs

10:30 a.m. IC L&D Adorers of the Immaculate

Conception Adoration Chapel - 31st

Anniversary

Friday, January 2nd

8:00 a.m. IC Cheryl Van Fossen Meiring

8:00 a.m. SJ Phyllis Schaub

Saturday, January 3rd

8:00 a.m. SJF For the Intentions of Those Who

Volunteer at the Parish

4:00 p.m. IC L&D Urban & Edna Fullenkamp Family

4:30 p.m. SJ L&D Clarence & Marie Berres Family

Sunday, January 4th Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 a.m. SJF Donald & Catherine Steinke

8:30 a.m. SL Doris Bornhorst - Anniversary

10:00 a.m. SJ Mary Ann Horman

10:30 a.m. IC People of Holy Face of Jesus Parish

IC - Immaculate Conception SJF - St. John

SJ - St. Joseph SL - St. Lawrence

Mass Readings

For the Week of December 28th, 2025

Sunday the 28th - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday the 29th - St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday the 30th

1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday the 31st - St. Sylvester I, Pope 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

Thursday the 1st - Mary, Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Friday the 2nd - Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of Church

1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Heb 1:1-2; Jn 1:19-28

Saturday the 3rd - Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 Jn 2:29–3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34 **Sunday the 4th - Epiphany of the Lord**

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are offered after every daily Mass, Monday–Saturday, and:

Sunday 7:15-7:45am St. John

7:45-8:15am St. Lawrence

Monday 5-6pm St. Joseph 5-6pm St. John

Wednesday 5-6:30pm Immaculate Conception

Thursday 5-6pm St. Lawrence

Saturday 3:15-3:45pm Immaculate Conception

3:15-4:15pm St. Joseph

Area Weekday Confessions

Tuesday

Holy Angels (Sidney) Confession 5-6pm

Wednesday

Holy Rosary (St. Marys) Conf. 11:30am, Mass 12:05pm

Holy Angels (Sidney)

Confession 12-1pm

Thursday

Sacred Heart (McCartyville) Confession 6-7pm

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, December 28th

7:15-7:45a SJF Sacrament of Reconciliation7:45-8:15a SL Sacrament of Reconciliation

10:00 a.m. SJ OCIA Dismissal

11:00 a.m. SJ 4 Out-of-Town Baptisms

Monday, December 29th

6:30 a.m. SJF Holy Hour & Morning Prayer 8:40 a.m. IC Sacrament of Reconciliation

10:00 a.m. IC Rosary

1:00 p.m. SJ Connect Group

5-6 p.m. SJ Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. Wapak Spiritual Movement @ First English

Tuesday, December 30th

6:30 a.m. SJF Holy Hour & Morning Prayer 8:40 a.m. SJ Sacrament of Reconciliation

8:40 a.m. SJ Holy Face Devotion/Prayers

10:00 a.m. IC Rosary

5-6 p.m. SJF Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 31st Office Closes at Noon

6:30 a.m. SJF Holy Hour & Morning Prayer

8:40 a.m. SJF/SL Sacrament of Reconciliation

10:00 a.m. IC Rosary

5:00 p.m. Wapak Spiritual Movement @ First English

Thursday, January 1st Office CLOSED for Holy Day (Mary, Mother of God)

Friday, January 2nd

6:30 a.m. SJF Holy Hour & Morning Prayer

7:30 a.m. SJ First Friday Devotion

8:40 a.m. IC/SJ Sacrament of Reconciliation

10:00 a.m. IC Rosary

Saturday, January 3rd

6:30 a.m. SJF Holy Hour & Morning Prayer

7:30 a.m. SJF First Saturday Devotion

8:15 a.m. Wapak Spiritual Movement @ First English

8:40 a.m. SJF Sacrament of Reconciliation

8:40 a.m. SJF Divine Mercy Chaplet

1:30 p.m. SJ Smock/Billing Wedding

3:15-3:45p IC Sacrament of Reconciliation

3:15-4:15p SI Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, January 4th

7:15-7:45a SJF Sacrament of Reconciliation
7:45-8:15a SL Sacrament of Reconciliation
10:00 a.m. SJ OCIA Dismissal
11:00 a.m. SJ Baptism of Macie Jo Lowden
4:30 p.m. IC Baptism of Everlee Ann Cotrell & Lennox Sue Cotrell

Adoration Chapels

Holiday Closure: The

Adoration Chapels are closed for the Christmas Holiday and will reopen on **January 4**th at noon.

Regular Schedule: St. Joseph Adoration Chapel opens at noon on Sunday and closes at midnight on Thursday.



Immaculate Conception Adoration Chapel opens at noon on Sunday and closes at 9pm on Friday. All are welcome to stop in and visit our Lord in our adoration chapels.

Open Hours: Immaculate Conception has 2 open hours: Fridays from 1-2pm and 2-3pm. Please call the office (419)-738-2115 if you are interested in spending either of these hours with our Lord!

Want to sign up for an hour? Call the office (419-738-2115) or visit holyfaceparish.org/eucharisticadoration/ for more info and an online form!

Parish Communications: Flocknote

Want to receive important parish information and updates? Flocknote is one of our primary means of communication, so if you aren't signed up, please do so! Text HOLYFACEPARISH to 84576 to join or visit holyfaceparish.flocknote.com to register! When registering, please enter a valid and working email address and cell number.



Our Christian sympathy is extended to the families and friends of Marlene Wildermuth and Betty Roof. May the never-ending power of God's love surround them and bring them peace in this difficult time of grief and adjustment.

Hallow



Join Holy Face of Jesus Parish Community on Hallow with this QR code or: hallow.com/communities/3045/

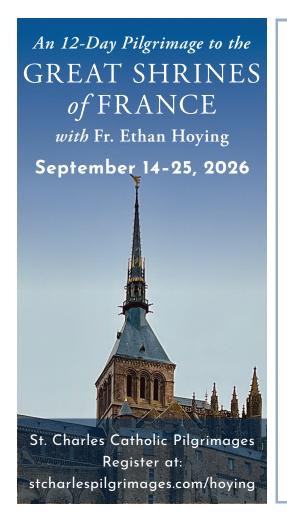
Upcoming Prayer Challenge: Biblical Walk Through the Mass

Our next prayer challenge, beginning January 5th, is a Biblical Walk Through the Mass. Be sure to join our parish community to access this prayer challenge!



Mail Forwarding from Immaculate Conception & St. Lawrence PO Boxes - DISCONTINUED

Please note! Mail forwarding from Immaculate Conception Church and St. Lawrence Church (PO Box 519 Botkins, OH 45306-0519) to the parish office in Wapak has been discontinued. Please be sure to send all mail directly to the parish office: 309 Perry Street, Wapakoneta, OH 45895. Thank you!



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: 1/1

——Mass Schedule—

Wednesday, 12/31 (Vigil Masses) 4pm @ Immaculate Conception 4:30pm @ St. Joseph

Thursday, 1/1
8am St. John
8:30am St. Lawrence
10am St. Joseph
10:30am Immaculate Conception



*please note that evening confessions on 12/31 are canceled and all confessions on 1/1 are canceled.

Hospital Patients

If you or a family member are admitted to St. Rita's, please make sure that your church name is included in your admission information, and that "YES" is marked for your church to be contacted. Otherwise we may not be informed that you are there. You can also call the office to let us know.

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MINISTRY **SPOTLIGHT**

Trivia Night for Ages 35+

JANUARY 31ST

Have you heard? There will be a trivia night on January 31st for those ages 35+! There was a trivia night for the young adults a few months ago...now's the time for the older generations to shine! Details are on page 9. A few weeks until this event, but we encourage you to get your tickets now!

Retrouvaille - Hope for Couples in Difficult Marriages

Do you argue without reaching resolution? Are you more like roommates than soulmates? Have you grown apart? Why wait for a better marriage? Retrouvaille is a program of healing and renewal consisting of one weekend and six follow-up sessions over the course of two months. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on January 9–11, 2026, call 513-486-6222 or visit www. HelpOurMarriage.org.

JANUARY

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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Decade Changers Jena Fisher Shawn Kennedy	40 on 1/10 40 on 1/24	Julie Shellenbarger Bruce Stinebaugh Janet Finkenbine	70 on 1/12 70 on 1/29 70 on 1/20	25 Year Anniversaries Todd & Casey Dietz 1/27
Andy Kuck Brad Johns A.J. Dickens Jeff Unterbrink Rachel Huelskamp John Wical	40 on 1/24 40 on 1/25 40 on 1/28 40 on 1/28 50 on 1/6 50 on 1/18	Michael Fullenkamp James Hepp Theresa Newland Lavern Cimarolli Ray Limbert Mary Lopshire	70 on 1/22 80 on 1/1 80 on 1/4 80 on 1/8 80 on 1/10 80 on 1/26	40 Year Anniversaries Michael & Peggy Moynihan 12/14 David & Kimi Brown 12/21 Joseph & Barbara Cerda 12/21
Paulette Gradwell Troy Kramer	50 on 1/20 50 on 1/23	85 & Over		50 Year Anniversaries Joseph & Stephanie Mosler 1/3
Steven Roode Dan Lambert Bo Beam Alita Cramer Steve Ryder Linda Bice Bob Flaute	50 on 1/30 60 on 1/7 60 on 1/14 60 on 1/23 60 on 1/29 60 on 1/30 70 on 1/7	Rosie Tobias Judy Luebrecht Jane Steinke Sue Geis Marie Perrin Lucy Hoying Flo Meyer	86 on 1/1 86 on 1/29 87 on 1/25 88 on 1/12 93 on 1/15 94 on 1/22 99 on 1/3	60+ Year Anniversaries Bill & Elaine Wendel 61 years on 1/23

Youth & Young Adult

Youth Ministry

Weekly Scripture

- "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel..."
- Matthew 2:20 (from the Gospel for Sunday, December 28th)

Weekly Saint Quote

- "I am ready to die for my Lord, that in my blood, the Church may obtain liberty and peace."
- St. Thomas Becket (Feast Day December 29th)

In Need of Life Teen & Edge Core Team Members

We are in need of core team members for our high school program, Life Teen, and our junior high program, Edge. Call Angie if you're interested in helping out!

Steubenville

All current high schoolers attending Life Teen: our Steubenville Mid-America trip will be July 10–12. Please contact Angie to sign up or for more information.

Upcoming CYO Games

Immaculate Conception/St. Lawrence Team: 1/11: 2pm @ Cridersville vs. St. Michael #2, Ft. Loramie St. John/St. Joseph Team: 12/28: 3pm @ Ft. Recovery vs. Ft. Recovery; 1/11: 1pm @ Cridersville vs. Minster



Young Adult Ministry

Anchored is for young adults (ages 18–35) looking to connect with others who share their faith & values. Follow them on Instagram & Facebook to stay up-to-date on events.

Next Event: Singo

The next Anchored event is Friday, January 23rd - Singo! Follow Anchored Young Adult Group on social media to stay in the loop!



Join a Conversation Around Life, Faith, and Meaning

Alpha is a series of group conversations that explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly environment. It's a place to connect with people, where you can say anything you like or nothing at all. Everyone's welcome!

- Connect with new people
- Watch an episode on a question of faith
- Share your thoughts & hear from others

You're invited to try Alpha!

Mondays - Beginning February 2

At St. Joseph Hall

Dinner is at 6:30pm

To register or for more info: holyfaceparish.org/alpha



Want to join or come back to the Church? Already Catholic but want to learn more? Join us for Catholic 101!

Classes are held each Thursday until the end of Lent 7–8:30pm in the St. Joseph Hall. Class topics for the next couple of weeks are listed below!

(no class on 1/1)

1/8: Baptism & Confirmation

For more information on Becoming Catholic opportunities, contact Angie Soules: 419-738-2115 or angies@holyfaceparish.org.

Christ Renews His Parish Men's Retreat: January 17-18

The next Christ Renews His Parish Men's Retreat will be held Saturday, January 17th-Sunday, January 18th, 2026 at the St. Joseph Hall (101 West Pearl Street, Wapakoneta). This retreat is open to any man 21+ who is interested in making a deeper connection to their faith and our parish community. Paper sign-ups are available at each of our churches, or you can register online at bit.ly/crhp2026 or by scanning this code. Encourage a friend, brother, uncle, father...any man your life to attend!



Closing of the Jubilee Year with Archbishop Casey

All are invited to join Archbishop Casey as he celebrates Mass for the Closing of the Jubilee Year on Sunday, Dec. 28, 10am at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. At the request of the Holy Father, a collection for the poor will be taken.



Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers bring distinctively Christian care to those in need. Could you, or someone you know, benefit from a listening ear? Contact Pam Coon (419)-302-0119, Eric Elsass (419)-234-3029, or scan the QR code for more info about Stephen Ministry.



Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

Esther Ballweg, Bob Bassitt, Janet Bassitt, Mary Berg, Becky Bogden, Penny Borchers, Sue Brake, Suzanne Brossart, Rose Brown, Ruth Brown, Nancy Burrell, Tom Cooper, Deane Elliott, Darla Finkenbine, Mary Fischer, Agnes Fisher, Eileen Gaier, Sherri Gross, Ben Harshbarger, Dave Hassenauer, Ashley Holthaus, Jeremiah Holthaus, Geri Howard, Charles Huber, Deacon Nick Jurosic, Mike Kentner, Gertrude Kondracki, Amy Kraft, Camille Kramer, Connie Mangen, Nancy Merrill, Elaine Metzger, Dolores Meyer, Rita Monnin, Tony Monnin, Peyton Morgan, Sally Naseman, Wanda Nuss, Virginia Poeppelman, Ken Poplar, Mary Ann Rabette, Donna Reed, Brian Rodhe, Gene Rosenbeck, Sandy Rosengarten, Evelyn Schneider, Joe Schnippel, Mary Schulte, Connie Steinke, Erma Steinke, Janine Steinke, Carmen Tedesco, Paul Tucker, Richard Verbyke, Rita Wagner, Vic Wagner, Priscilla Wilt, and Kaelyn Zwiebel

"In difficult moments, I will fix my gaze upon the silent heart of Jesus, stretched upon the cross..." St. Faustina

Thank You

St. Joseph collected 330 gifts for the Christmas Jubilee Angel Tree. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Sponsor a High Schooler for Steubenville

If you would like to sponsor a student for the Steubenville Mid-America trip this summer, please contact Angie. The student cost of the trip is \$275. Partial and full scholarships are needed.

Chelsea Lukey Memorial Blood Drive

The Palazzo, Botkins (309 S. Main St.) January 6th, 2026 from 12:30-6:30pm



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Our Loving Relationship VALENTINE'S COUPLE'S NIGHT A special night for couples to grow in love. Scan the code or stop by the office to get your ticket. Saturday, February 14, 2026 4:30pm Mass at St. Joseph Church Following Mass: dinner, dessert, & inspiring talk by Josh Danis in the Hall (beer & wine also available) \$40/couple Space is limited to 80 couples For more info, contact Angie: angies@holyfaceparish.org or 419-738-2115

Trivia Night for ages 35+





Saturday, January 31, 2026

St. Joseph Hall

7-10pm

\$10/person

Space is limited to 160, so get your tickets now

We did trivia night with Anchored, our young adult group, a couple months ago....now we're offering it for those 35+! Appetizers and 2 free drinks will be provided. After that, donations will be accepted. Join us for a night of fun and fellowship. Let's show the young'ins how it's done!

> Get tickets at the parish office or scan the code! For more info, contact Angie: angies@holyfaceparish.org or 419-738-2115

Mass Attendance (by church & total)

Time/Church	Dec. 13-14	Dec. 6-7	Nov. 29-30
4:00pm IC	333	432	215
4:30pm SJ	227	335	267
8:00am SJF	110	152	137
8:30am SL	139	130	181
10:00am SJ	356	407	419
10:30am IC	320	308	345
Total	1,485	1,764	1,564

Seating Capacities IC: 366; SJF: 197; SJ: 538; SL: 189

<u>Averages from Previous Years</u> 2021: 1,435; 2022: 1,492; 2023: 1,538

Parish Collection

Weekend of December 13-14:

Weekend of December 13-14.				
Weekly Goal:	\$25,815.00			
Week Total:	\$25,810.79			
56 \$100+ Env.	\$14,845.00			
20 \$60-99 Env.	\$1,415.00			
79 \$30-59 Env.	\$3,395.00			
75 \$20-29 Env.	\$1,595.00			
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Scammers

Please be aware that scammers have been known to impersonate our priests with a text/email that says something like: "Hi, please return my text when you get it. I have a favor to ask." "Are you available?" Their text/email will probably even be signed with the name of one of our priests. If you engage with the scammer, they will likely ask for iTunes gift cards. Our priests will never send messages like this. If you're ever questioning a message, please call the parish office before responding. Ignore the message (or report it as a "phishing message") and say a prayer for the scammer.

Pastoral Council

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