

Parish Council April 2026 Meeting

Each month, the Parish Council, made up of our ministry leaders, meet to discuss what is going on in our parish and what we can do to grow our parish moving forward. Below are bullet points of our most recent meeting.

Pastor Report

- Offertory - Acolyte are to go to the back during prayers of the faithful. Bread and Wine and collectors come up immediately and Father does his prayers as ushers collect the offertory.
- Lector to go to the ambo during the Creed for the Prayers of the Faithful
- Lectors do not need to come up to the altar for communion. Go to ambo at end of communion (during purification of vessels)
- Many younger people do not like the welcome to guests. Father recommends we thank people for visiting but not asking to stand up.
- Teacher Appreciation - Father asked the women's guild to do something for the teachers.

School Report

- Annual Auction was successful and raised \$44K but expecting 2 more sponsorships to come in.
- Termite inspection for the campus is coming up - Terminex renewal is \$2046.
- Upcoming school events - 2 baptisms, 6 1st communions, May crowning, Teacher Appreciation week, Spring Concert, Awards Night, Graduation and the Book Fair
- The floors of the Parish Hall will be waxed in the near future.

Youth Ministry:

- The first meeting was held recently at Orange Spot and attended by 6 people. There are now 9 people in the group
- They are planning a monthly restaurant tour where they will pray and eat together
- They are also talking about setting up monthly activities like pickle ball or tennis.

Maintenance:

- All diocesan paperwork has been completed for the ductwork replacement. I am coordinating with Sergio on a start date. There have been some parts issues.

Other Business:

- Jack Wayne Hunter would like to be involved in St. John social media. Flavia Feltner to meet with him about taking this on.
- David Hill is sending email to outline Coffee & Doughnuts
- Council By-Laws - Jim Whiteman sent sample by laws to Bill New and Karen Durand sent the school by laws to him as well.
- The council discussed closing the pantry as we are not getting many requests since a large area pantry opened nearby.
- Fran Cummings asked about a new stove. This will be looked into next year.
- Karen Durand suggested painting the ceiling tiles - maybe kids could spray paint during youth camp
- Knights of Columbus wanting to get more involved with families in need. Spend a day or 2 to help them.
- During the auction it was mentioned how we have grown but don't know new members.
 - Ideas: -Church dinners / breakfasts / Questionnaire asking congregation input.