

Parish Council May 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

- Introduced Betty Niermann and Sarah Anderson - the new President and Vice President of the Women's Guild and new council president Rick Segrest
- Ushers need to go behind the cross to collect the offertory. They need to either bring the gifts up themselves or pick a family to bring up the gifts. Jim Whiteman to notify the ushers.
- At Communion, Father will no longer explain how communion works, the servers and ushers will receive both species in the mouth as examples to others. Lisa McLeod will update the altar servers.
- Lectors will now say the visitors blurb in their own words so it is from the heart. Bill New to update the lectors.

School Report

- The school was named a Purple Star School this week, a STEM accreditation officially through Cognia and earned a second year as a Certified Green Steps School
- Enrollment for next year is up
- Blessing of the Backpacks will be at the 9:30 mass on August 9 Camps this summer: Knight School Chess Club (3 weeks); ARRL Teacher Institute (1 week); camps by school staff for our students (2 different weeks); Girls Only Camp (1 week)
- Discussed having another Volunteer Thank You event in the fall.
- The floors in the Parish Hall have been waxed.

Youth Ministry

- The Young Adults would like to pursue a new Priest led Bible Study along with a Pot Luck Dinner once a month.
- There are currently 15 members.
- 12-13 people went to Lewis Barbeque for their monthly lunch.

Maintenance

- Airfitters will be here Monday, June 1 am. It should be 1 day inside and 4 days total.
- Mike Niermann would like to have the internal duct work cleaned after they are finished.
- BE students will come in over the summer to help replace the Parish Hall Ceiling tiles. They will be here the end of June.
- The Women's Guild is planting flowers and sweet grass.
- Bushes around the property have been trimmed.

Women's Guild:

- Betty Niermann and Sarah Anderson will get together over the summer to plan dates they will need the hall for sewing days and fundraisers.
- Scholastic bookfair - raised just over \$1500 during the weekend and another \$700 after masses.

Other Business:

- Red McDowell reported that the carpet in the church was steam cleaned.
- The KOC had a productive meeting. They want to get more involved in helping church families. They would like to help sponsor coffee and donuts once or twice a year.
- Bill New will be stopping his tenure as the lector coordinator. A new coordinator needs to be selected starting in September.
- The council members went around the room updating everyone on what is going on in the ministries they lead.