



Saint Gabriel

CATHOLIC PARISH

Stewardship Committee

Minutes: May 26, 2026 –6:30 pm

- Attendance:
 - Cathy Rusk- Chair
 - Mary Gilmeister
 - Beth Kangas (PC Liaison)
 - Dawn Jorgenson (New Chair for 2026-2027)
 - Janet Reichert
- Opening prayer—Cathy R.
- March minutes completed via email and approved previously.
- Sharepoint:
 - Some changes have been made to spreadsheet.
 - Abby Creedle will be getting the new member forms and putting them into the system.
 - All new members have been contacted or left voice messages. The committee is up to date.
 - One issue that needs to be investigated is, who notifies the head of the different ministries if the new registrant marks down they are interested in a particular area. **To be added to future meetings agenda.**
- PC Liasion – Beth K.
 - May 31st 9:00 am All Commission Meeting. Fr. Tim is asking that each commission talk about new things they are working on in the 2026-2027 year.
 - Meeting May 13th:
 - Fr. Tim would like to stay at St. Gabriel's until his retirement. This will need to be approved by Archdioceses.



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Fr. Tim's surgery will take 4-6 weeks for recovery.
All Commission Meeting is set for September 27th 2026.

Each Commission will be assigned to sponsor Fellowship Sundays.

Stewardship Committee would like October 18, 2026 as choice #1 so that we can assess results of Ministry (Parish) Fair. This is also New Member Blessing weekend. Donuts and coffee after 8:00 am and 10:30 masses. (2nd choice would be Nov. 15, 2026)

Budget issues for 2026-2027 were worked on and discussion of building updates needed.

Beth Kangas will be staying on Stewardship Committee as PC Liaison for another year.

- New Member Journey

New member blessing is now scheduled to occur twice a year.

Table for guest book is relocated outside the Annunciation Room.

Working on getting a lock for the credenza outside of office for secured drop box.

New Member packet overhaul completed.

Pamphlet: Parish Life Guide revamped and looking awesome, with exceptional content. **Looking into pamphlets to be placed at ends of pews the weekend of the Flea market to promote Ministry (Parish) Fair.**



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September 12 & 13, 2026 School and Church Volunteer Blessing scheduled.

- Ministry Guide (Parish Life Guide):
Approved new description of Stewardship committee in pamphlet.
- Ministry (Parish) Fair: September 20, 2026
Committee agreed to change name from Ministry Fair to **Parish Fair**.

Purpose: to bring awareness to the parishioners of St. Gabriel, of the councils, their purpose and potentially increase participation.

We need a script for Fr. Tim to read prior to event to encourage parishioners to “**Discover all the ways to be involved in their parish. Find places where your gifts can shine**”

Theme: Put together a Puzzle. Magnetic puzzle with image of St. Gabriel Church. (Dawn J. will continue to investigate this option) Each commission station would have a piece of the puzzle so that participants would need to visit each commission table to receive a puzzle piece.

This will be a Fellowship Sunday. Need to go through Commission tables to get to the donut/coffee area.

Suggesting each Commission table have some type of simple activity for participants to receive a puzzle piece.



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We are thinking possibly 8 of the committees will participate. We will try to get commitments on May 31st at commission meeting.

Diagram will be created by this committee once we have commitments.

Idea: Have a banner at entrance of fair that says: “Find a place where your gifts can shine”

Have a prize for those who complete the puzzle.

Suggestions: St. Gabe apparel, Scrip Choice voucher, Hawks clothing (OWLS).

Deadline for Commission committees to let Stewardship Committee know they are participating and how much table space is July 26th, 2026.

Spreadsheet for each committee that commits, the # of tables they will need, contact person and activity idea will be done by Mary G.

Ideas for Stewardship committee: Swag bag, show new member packet, stickers for kids? Our table will give out the “ME” puzzle pieces.

Stewardship will need to meet in summer to firm up details for Parish Fair.

- Signage: Bathroom signage looks great! Any other areas need signage? Please look around and **discuss at next meeting.**



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- Next meeting: August 4th 2026 at 6:30pm.
- Dawn Jorgenson has agreed to take over as Chair of Stewardship— Thank you, Dawn!! Committee agreed to meeting the 3rd Monday of the month from 6:30 to 8:00 pm for the upcoming year.
- Open floor – no comments
- Closing Prayer

Minutes submitted by:

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