

**Saint Patrick's Parish Council Minutes**  
**Thursday, April 16, 2026**

**Call to Order:** 7:05 pm by Fr. C.P.

**Opening Prayer:** The Prayer of St. Francis Assisi (1/10/26-1/10/27 has been declared the Year of St. Francis of Assisi by Pope Leo XIV)

**Roll Call:** Fr. C.P., Julie Gehrig, Mencho Falcon, Christy Ningen, Andrew Parrott, Rose Schoening, Jim Brown.

Minutes from the February 18, 2026 meeting were read and approved.

**Committee and Representative Reports**

**Faith Formation – Joan Falcon**

We currently have 96 participants enrolled in Faith Formation grades pre-K-12<sup>th</sup>. Our last day for Faith Formation is Wednesday, April 29, 2026.

The Rice Bowl Challenge for Faith Formation was a success? Thanks to all who participated, a great lesson on Almsgiving for Lent.

The middle school students learned about almsgiving as they gathered and created Easter baskets for the nursing home. The high school teens visited the elementary kids and talked to them about pray and they fasted from social media.

We completed the Sacraments classes with one child and one teen whom prepared to received the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. The teen completed all requirements, received First Reconciliation during the Confirmation Sacrament retreat and received First Holy Communion and was incorporated into the Church during the Easter Vigil.

Congratulations for the nine 2<sup>nd</sup> graders who received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation of Friday, April 20, 2026 and First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 12, 2026.

A Confirmation Retreat was offered to the Confirmation class on Sunday, March 22, 2026. The teens were welcomed with receiving Reconciliation, lunch, games and many discussions. Congratulation for the sixteen candidates who received the Sacraments of Conframation of Saturday, April 11, 2026.

A Graduation Mass has been scheduled for Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 10:00 am. Registration is now open for Totus Tuus. We will be hosting Totus Tuus on Sunday, June 21, 2026 – Friday, June 26, 2026. Students currently in grades K-12 are encouraged to attend. This program aims to help young people grow in the understanding of their faith, and more importantly, helps them develop an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. Volunteers and students may register at [www.gidiocese.org/totus-tuus](http://www.gidiocese.org/totus-tuus). Please consider serving as a volunteer, cooking a meal for the team or housing the missionaries. Many hands are needed to make this week successful. Contact Joan Falcon for questions, more information or to volunteer. Registration is also open for pre-school age children.

We have one middle school teen attending Higher Ground Xtreme Faith, July 5-9,2026 and one teen attending Steubenville of the Rockies Conference, June 19-21, 2026.

**Hospitality** – Christy Ningen reported that there was a dinner served for three priests following the Communal Penance Service on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Liturgy** – Fr. C.P. and other members shared comments and praise about the decorations and music ministry during Holy Week.

**Finance** – The A/C units are being evaluated in order to reduce the spike in our utility bills. An evaluation of the budget was made with the main concern being the reduction in tithing. We are able to meet our current expenses due to interest on investments, income from the Rummage House and St. Patrick's Development Board.

**CCW** - Julie Gehrig reported that there were 60 served at the St. Patrick's dinner on March 17, 2026. The CCW soup suppers donated \$452.00 to the Rice Bowl program. There were 30 in attendance at the Seder Meal. CCW also hosted an reception following the Confirmation Mass on Saturday, April 11, 2026 with around 100 in attendance.

**Knight of Columbus** – Jim Brown reported that the Knights of Columbus have received 2 new members, Andrew Parrott and Chad Borgman. Lance Talich of Sidney would be competing in the State Free Throw Contest. The Knights of Columbus have commissioned Jerry Spiker to make a sign for the St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery located on East Hwy 30. It will hopefully be installed for the Memorial Day Mass. The Knights of Columbus with their families will sit together in the church as a group every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month.

**Old Business** – There was no old business at this time.

**New Business** – Nicole Bailey gave a report on the Appreciation Dinner which will be held on Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Upcoming events: All Day Adoration – April 29, 2026

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction Before Mass – May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

Graduation Mass – Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 – 10:30 am

Ascension of the Lord – May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – Masses  
7 am and 6 pm

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, June 18, 2026

**Closing Prayer** – Our Father, Glory Be and Hail Mary

**Adjournment** – 7:45 pm