

## Saint Patrick's Parish Council Minutes

Thursday, December 18, 2025

**Call to Order:** 7:00 pm by Dan Murphy

**Opening Prayer:** The Prayer for the Jubilee Year

**Roll Call:** Fr. C.P., Dan Murphy, Jim Brown, Mencho Falcon, Julie Gehrig, Henrietta Pelster, Andrew Parrott, Jessica Schumacher

Minutes from the October 16, 2025 meeting were read approved.

### **Committee and Representative Reports**

**Faith Formation** – Joan Falcon

We presently have 97 students enrolled in K-12 Faith Formation.

The elementary grades were able to fill 4 boxes for the Boxes of Joy Program.

Congratulations to the Kindergarten, first, second and third classes for your participation.

Many of our youth volunteered to help with the Fall Festival, including the Sidney Danz team who helped with the children's games. Thanks to Devany Turner and her dance team.

The Vocations program from the Grand Island Diocese was introduced to Grade Pre-K – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. They were invited to write a thank you note to Fr. C.P. Varghese. Fr. C.P. was invited to come and speak to the high school teams on his choice of vocation. The Vocation Traveling Chalice was passed from classroom to classroom, Catechists and different families have been taking the chalice home.

Advent was introduced and reviewed. Advent wreaths were placed in all classrooms and special Advent resources from Cross Catholic Outreach were distributed.

Pope Leo addressed the youth with a live talk during the National Catholic Youth Conference. A link was sent to us and we were able to host a session to hear this presentation on Friday, December 21, 2025 at the parish center.

A breakfast with Fr. C. P. for the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class was held on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Muffins were made by Natalie Noel one of our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders.

Jamie Schumacher and Brenda Smith hosted a Christmas sing along. The Knights of Columbus sponsored a Santa visit and provided goodie bags for the elementary and middle school kids.