

St. Pascal Social Justice and Caring Committee Minutes

Staff Lounge

July 2, 2026 at 6:30 pm

“Hope is love in the process of becoming...”

PRAYER: Chris Igielski (a copy of the prayer sent with meeting minutes)

MINUTES: Mary Weyandt

Reflection and Sharing:

- <https://www.americamagazine.org/features/2026/06/25/the-catholic-church-and-the-13-colonies-in-1776/>
- <https://www.americamagazine.org/news/2026/06/30/ice-arrested-texas-sister/>
- <https://uscatholic.org/articles/202606/in-historic-first-catholic-sisters-return-indigenous-land/>

AGENDA

- **Debrief on Fellowship Weekend SJCC Ministry Opportunity Fair**
 - Suggestion to add the Care for Creation Display at National Night Out. Mary Weyandt will reach out to Labno's to check on this.
 - Two folks signed up for more information. Julie Moore will reach out to the person interested in Beacon and Mary Weyandt & Julie Ludden will reach out to the person interested in food ministries.
 - An interested parishioner joined the Merrick/St Pascal's food distribution on the following Monday, to help pack food.
- **Faithful Citizenship/Catholic Social Teaching series**
 - Monday evenings, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/5 from 6:30 - 8 pm
- **National Night Out Update**
 - Check-in planning meeting on Zoom is Thursday, July 9th
 - Fr. John prepared and distributed letters for donations. Kim completed the flyer for the packet that volunteers will use to connect with possible donors.
 - Currently 6 Aldi gift cards were donated, along with a Ryan Jeffers (Twins) signed baseball and a World Cup Soccer souvenir cup.
- **Reminder: Lilly Grant Summer Retreat taking place at St. Catherine's on Saturday, August 1**
 - Several members of the committee indicated they are signed up and planning to attend

REPORTS -

Bloodmobile: At St. Pascal's on Monday, July 6th.

Care for Creation Team: We had a lot of interest and discussions with folks at the SJCC Ministry Table last weekend. It was a good time with plenty of handouts. Team members provided the materials and were present to talk with people. The next Team meeting will be in September.

Donation Closet:

- June - Brittany's Place
- July – Merrick Community Center Backpack Drive
- August - Progressive
 - may ask for monetary donations
 - Kim and Fr. John checking with Theresa about the logistics

Merrick: Thanks to Kim for managing the early arrival of the Merrick truck and following up with Brad to work on delivery timing, as well as documentation requirements for food distribution. Thanks, also, for the use of Lilly Grant funds for signage. Visitors noted repeatedly that the visibility of signs helped them to stop for food. The wooden cabinets will be replaced, thanks to a donation from the Women's Club, and will be replaced by more functional storage options.

Twin Cities Catholics for Immigrant Justice:

- The next meeting is Tuesday, August 4th at 1 pm via Teams. Email Mary W for a link if interested in attending.
- Do we want to consider an event for [the Catholic Church's World Day of Migrants and Refugees](#) on Sunday, September 27th? Another Stations of the Cross service; looking to plan another during Lent; at one-year anniversary of Metro Surge

OTHER - Due to a planned August meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 6th, a discussion led to cancelling the August meeting, generally due to the proximity to National Night Out on Tuesday, August 4th. The next meeting will be in September.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 3rd at St. Pascal's

- PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER: Christine Malec
- MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER: Carol DePouw

PRELIMINARY AGENDA ITEMS FOR AUGUST: Faithful Citizenship/CST series, We Care Campaign

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Weyandt

Prayer for Justice

Grant us, Lord God, a vision of your world as your love would have it:
A world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor;
A world where the riches of creation are shared, and everyone can enjoy them;
A world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect;
A world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.
Give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Found in Jesuitresource.org