St. Pascal Social Justice and Caring Committee Agenda
MINUTES

October 1, 2026 at 6:30 pm
In-Person at St. Pascal's

Present: Bruce Labno, Sue Labno, Julie Ludden, Carol DePouw, Mary Weyandt, Chris Malec, Margaret Malec, Kim Roering, Martha Arko, Mary Huettl, Father John, Bill Dorgan, Julie Moore

Margaret Malec offered prayer

Reflection and Sharing

AGENDA

- We Care Campaign: Julie Ludden invited Dedra Dunevant-Perryman, Nevonia Rainwater from PROCEED Foundation (proceedmn.org) for presentation/Q&A – Nice informative presentation, Dedra will share it electronically with Julie L who will provide to Mary W. This will be shared with parishioners to provide information so they will know that Proceed does more than the food shelf at Progressive Baptist. This will be the sole recipient for the October donation. Julie M suggested that they contact the Ramsey County District commissioners to see if there is money available to Proceed for the building project.
- Catholic Nonviolence Initiative of Pax Christi International (Mary) emailed the contact at Corpus Christi in Roseville for more information.
- Collective Prayer for a Safe and Fair Election & Thoughts from the Faithful Citizenship series (Kim & Fr. John): For the Monday night discussions, there have been less than 20 people showing up, even with the few people present, the discussions have been very good. A faith in action message around voting will be written for the Pulse, and will include how it ties into the Catholic Social teachings. A bulletin insert of the Novena For Faithful Citizenship will be considered. The insert will list the daily bible readings for each of the 9 days of the Novena, there are some booklets available of the Novena that include the bible readings. A small number may/will be available in church for parishioners to pick up.

REPORTS -

Bloodmobile: (Margaret Malec) Next one scheduled for November 2nd 1-7pm.

Care for Creation Team: (Bruce & Sue Labno) Summary of Sept 23, 2026 meeting – discussion regarding taking a look at where the team wants to go moving forward.
Food Scrap program in the area is expanding with Roseville and St. Paul to be added soon.
Mass for the Care of Creation – coming soon?
Catholic Climate covenant -Its mission is to inspire and equip U.S. Catholics to respond to climate change through the lens of Catholic social teaching and integral ecology, emphasizing care for both creation and the poor
In the future - monthly a few sentences to be placed into the bulletin and in greater depth into the Pulse, possibly a video link. How to deal with the cynics to debunk when they say "all the recycling just goes into the trash anyway."

Donation Closet:

- September - Listening House (Mary Huettl) – delivered today.
- October - Options for Women East (Julie Ludden)
- November – Winter Clothing – Joseph's coat

Merrick: (Mary Weyandt) - 60 orders were distributed in 45 minutes on Monday Sept. 28th. Great volunteers continue to meet the truck, pack the bags, and hand out the food in a whirlwind between 12 noon and 4:30 p.m. Thanks to Kim and staff for always having Brioschi hall ready!

Twin Cities Catholics for Immigrant Justice: Next meeting is Tuesday Oct. 6th at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. The agenda will be devoted to reorganizing now that the St. Kate's Lilly grant is no longer funding a facilitator. Anne Attea (St. Kate's) and Anne & Mary Weyandt will take on organizing and facilitation to keep the group together to discern and act. Please let Mary W know if you are interested in attending so she can provide the notes, agenda, and Zoom link.

Beacon: (Julie Moore) Currently working with 2 Ramsey County District Commissioners to make sure that the LAHA funds collected continue to be allocated to preserve, stabilize, and develop deeply affordable housing, In Sept. Ramsey County directed an additional $2 Million to eviction prevention for use in 2027.

OTHER: Halloween Bingo October 23, 2026

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 5th via Zoom
Prayer for November: Mary Huettl
Minutes for November: Carol DePouw
Preliminary Agenda Items for November:

Respectfully submitted,
Carol DePouw