

# **Saint Michael's Parish Council**

**August 7, 2025**

## **August Meetings**

Members Present: Fr Patrick, Elizabeth Vandiver, Jerry Eckl, Megan Eck, Teresa Chaney, Melanie Connolly, Matthew Connolly, Joe Albright, Carolyn Eck, Deacon Steve Kirkpatrick, and Elaine Smith

### **Opening Prayer**

### **Old Business**

Approve July 2025 Meeting Minutes - Matt approved them and Megan seconded them  
Maintenance Update – Jerry read a report on behalf of Mike Stumpe. Church Road will be resurfaced next year. Campus exterior lighting has been upgraded; Florence Utilities will remove existing poles that are no longer needed. This upgrade will save a lot of money.

Labor Day Picnic - Carolyn reported for the picnic. Workers are needed on all areas. Pre-order boston butts must be prepaid and no orders will be accepted past the deadline

Nursery & PSR - Melanie reported for the start of new PSR year. Old bibles and books will be donated to nursing homes. Melanie is ensuring all teachers and volunteers have gone through the child protection training. Fr Patrick inquired about security for PSR. Carolyn said Donna is recruiting people for the nursery. Fr Patrick said he would like at some point in the future to broadcast the Mass into the parish house nursery so parents can watch mass with young children  
Legion of Mary update - Fr Patrick said he's trying to start a group here. He will invite a group from Sacred Heart in Cullman to talk to the Church about it. This group will help evangelize, visit the sick, homebound and fallen away Catholics.

More cooperation between local parishes - Much discussion on ideas both spiritual and recreational ideas, would like to get the local parish councils together. Will discuss more at next meeting.

Council elections and qualifications - Introduced the idea of member qualifications and elections. Fr Patrick suggested some changes and ideas. Will discuss it more at the next meeting.

### **New Business**

Father Patrick comments - Wants to introduce Anima Christi prayer at mass; wants to start a book club in October and will read 'Diary of St Faustina' book; start a spiritual Parish Town Hall meeting in October around 10 couples/singles in Parish House; will start Ad Orientem at a few Masses at some point but would not be all masses; the Parish now has Flocknote; would like to implement parish breakfasts (KOC and Altar Society to hosts some at least twice a year)

Matt thanked the office staff for all of their hard work. Joe motioned to close the meeting and Fr Patrick seconded it.

**Next Meeting** – September 5, 2025