

ST. PAUL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, May 8, 2025
6:00 p.m. in Bona Room

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are a growing Catholic Community of Disciples who know, love, serve and share, the Good News of Jesus.

ATTENDANCE

Father Bob Stegmann, Maggie Melchior, Jim Milhaupt, Debbie Verhagen, Pat Schmidt, Judy Hurlburt, Michelle Otto and Kelly Buechel

President Debbie Verhagen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Maggie Melchoir did the opening prayer.

MINUTES

Maggie Melchior made a correction to the April Minutes. Maggie had stated in April that on May 7 that the Faith Formation students would be doing a May Crowning and an outdoor Rosary in error. Those activities were never scheduled. Judy Hurlburt made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2025, meeting with Maggie's correction. Debbie Verhagen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OPEN FORUM

Judy Hurlburt questioned about going to the Vicariate Days. Father Bob explained that he had a Professional/Development Day in Brillion the same day, so he would not be attending the Vicariate Days. He did say that people could attend if they wanted.

STANDING ITEMS

Maggie reported that **Children's Liturgy of the Word (age 3-grade 3)** last day will be Sunday, May 11, until fall. Maggie is planning to discuss with the Catechists if Children's Liturgy should continue during the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Maggie is also planning to do a survey with Faith Formation parents about the 8:30 a.m. Mass. There will be Children's Liturgy during the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

FLOCK Faith Formation (grades 1-11) has wrapped up for the 2024-2025 year. First Communion Mass was held on May 4 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Everything went well. On May 7, the last day of Faith Formation for Grades 1-8, the children did a Cereal Collection Domino Challenge. Over 165 boxes of cereal were collected by parishioners and donated to St. Joe's Food Pantry.

St. Paul Parish will be hosting Totus Tuus from July 21-July 25, which will be our 11th year. The only change this year is we will charge different Totus Tuus tuition for parishioners vs. non-parishioners.

Adult Faith Formation Lenten small groups wrapped up. Thanks to all who participated! The next book study, *33 days to Eucharistic Glory*, will be soon. The books will be available starting the weekend of May 10-11. The small group opportunities will begin the week of May 18 and lead up to the celebration of Corpus Christi on June 22. There will be two small groups, one daytime and on evening.

Maggie also presented her budget for the 2025-2026 Faith Formation Program.

MARY'S GIRLS

Pat Schmidt reported that Mary's Girls will be selling roses after each Mass on the weekend of May 10-11 (Mother's Day Weekend). The profit from the Rose Sale will be donated to VIDA. She also said that the Rosary will continue through the summer months on the 13 of each month at 2 p.m. in St. Paul Church.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on May 18 to celebrate the new look in Vandenberg Hall. Also, the trip to Holy Hill, organized by the Knights of Columbus, is planned for May 21.

CHRISTIAN SERVICES

Judy Hurlburt reported that Christian Services filled Easter Eggs with a Bible Verse and a piece of candy that were available for the taking after the Easter Weekend Masses. Also, they are planning for Wednesday, June 18, a Widows and Widowers luncheon.

TRUSTEES REPORTS

Jim Milhaupt (Secretary Trustee) – Nothing to report at this time.

Bea Hopfensperger (Treasurer Trustee) – Not in attendance

PROPERTY AND FINANCE UPDATE

Father Bob reported on how the projects for the Capital Campaign are progressing. The basement (Vandenberg Hall) has been completed and can be used. The old Marquee sign is gone and waiting for the electronic sign to be put up soon. The engineering firm is still working on the plan for the Parking Lot before bids can be requested. Parish Cleanup Day will be on Saturday, May 10. Cemetery Clean Up Day was Tuesday, May 6.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

As mentioned under Faith Formation Update, Bishop Barron's book discussion groups have been completed. The *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory Book* discussion groups are planned to start the week of May 18.

FATHER NICHOLAS STELLPFLUG FIRST MASS will be on Sunday, June 29, at St. Paul Church. There will be a reception in Vandenberg Hall after the Mass, where Father Nico will be giving Blessings to anyone who asks him for a blessing.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING

Maggie will be contacting the people that need the training.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Jim Milhaupt questioned why the music for the Responsorial Psalm does not match the Breaking Bread Book in the pews. Father Bob will talk to Bill Stevens regarding this matter.

GOLF OUTING

Pat Schmidt reported that the committee is working hard to have a successful Golf Outing again this year. The Golf Outing will be on Sunday, June 8, at High Cliff Golf Course.

There will be no Parish Council meetings in June, July, and August. Monthly meetings will resume in September.

NEXT MEETING DATE Thursday, September 11, 2025, at 6 p.m.

ADJOURN THE MEETING

Father Bob led the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Prepared by Pat Schmidt, Parish Council Secretary