

St. Paul Parish Council Meeting Agenda
Thursday, September 11, 2025 - 6:00 p.m. – Bona Room

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Know, Love, Serve and Share, the Good News of Jesus.”**

- I. Opening Prayer – Father Bob
- II. Review Last meeting – May Parish Council Minutes
- III. Attendance: Record meeting attendees - Pat
- IV. Open Forum – Open the floor for additional topics
- V. Standing items
 - a. Faith Formation Update – Maggie
 - b. Mary’s Girls – Pat
 - c. Knights of Columbus –
 - d. Christian Services – Judy
 - Trustees Update-
Jim, Secretary/Pastoral Trustee
Bea Hopfensperger Treasurer Trustee
 - e. Property & Finance Update to Parish Council as a FYI – Father or Cheri
 - f. Cemetery – Father Bob or Cheri
- VI. Pastoral Council:
 - a. Father Nicholas Stellflug mass.
 - b. Music ministry
 - c. Brat Fest
 - d. Missionary Sunday
 - e. Confirmation
 - f. Election of Officers
 - g. Annual Meeting – November 16, 2025
 - h. Next Parish Council meeting October 9, 2025
 - i. 6:55PM Closing Prayer – Father Bob

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6:00 p.m. in the Bona Room

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Secretary Pat Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Father Bob did the opening prayer.

MINUTES

Jim Milhaupt made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2025, meeting. Judy Hurlburt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTENDANCE

Father Bob Stegmann, Jim Milhaupt, Pat Schmidt, Judy Hurlburt, Michelle Otto, and Kelly Buechel.

OPEN FORUM

Father Bob mentioned the workshop on Sunday, September 21 about the Source and Summit Music Workshop. Supper at 5 p.m. and the workshop with Michael Miller from the Diocesan Choir starts at 6 p.m. Father Bob talked about singing a few more parts of the Mass. The music preparation is easier for the Music Director. Father Bob also mentioned that the Source and Summit Missals were cheaper than the Breaking Bread Missals for the 2026 Year. The Source and Summit Missals will start with Advent on November 30, 2025.

STANDING ITEMS

Faith Formation Update Pat Schmidt and Kelly Buechel stated that the Family Faith Night will be held on Wednesday, September 24th. Children's Liturgy will begin on Sunday, September 21, at both the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses. The Faith Formation Program will be starting the week of October 5. Judy Hurlburt questioned about the late start. Father Bob said that the Program must be in session for a certain number of hours and Maggie figured out that they could start October 5 and they will have enough hours.

Father Bob said that on Monday, September 8, he helped with Confessions at St. Mary's Church in Appleton for the Confirmation students from St. Paul Parish, St. Mary in Appleton, and St. Joseph in Appleton. The Confirmation students from these three churches will be confirmed on Saturday, September 27 at 7 p.m.

Father Bob also said that there is a Baptism on September 27 in the morning.

Mary's Girls Pat Schmidt reported that Mary's Girls will be meeting on Sunday, September 28 at 2 p.m. for their monthly meeting. The Rosary will be prayed on the 13th of each month.

Knights of Columbus Pat Schmidt said that the Knights were planning a Pancake Breakfast for Sunday, October 12.

Christian Services Judy Hurlburt reported that Christian Services were meeting on Wednesday, September 17. The response was great for the Backpack collection. Judy said that they will be discussing to adopt a family from VIDA for Christmas and planning a Widows and Widowers luncheon again.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Jim Milhaupt (Secretary Trustee) – no report

Bea Hopfensperger (Treasurer Trustee) – not in attendance

PROPERTY & FINANCE UPDATE

Father Bob reported on how the projects for the Capital Campaign are progressing. He said that they are starting to work on the thermostats project. The Finance Council will be discussing the parking lot that evening and hopefully will submit the proposal to the Diocese of Green Bay for approval soon. Jim Milhaupt loves how bright Vandenberg Hall now. He is glad that the sump pumps are hidden within the closets that were built for that purpose.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Father Nicholas Stellpflug First Mass Everything went well with the celebration on Sunday, June 29.

Music Ministry Father Bob is looking for a new Music Director since Bill Stevens left to go to the Seminary.

Brat Fest Jim said that he found it interesting that there were approximately 300 people for the Outdoor Polka Mass with Brat Fest. He heard from one person who thought the Silent Auction Baskets were slim picking this year. She didn't see many baskets she wanted to bid on as in previous years. Jim did notice that a few of the baskets had higher bids. Michelle said that the Gathering Space by the West Entrance was used to help people warm up. Father Bob suggested having another outdoor Mass next year, maybe in June.

Missionary Sunday Missionary Weekend will be the weekend of September 27 and 28 with a speaker to represent Father Nusi who is the Priest for the Oconto area, since he is not able to come speak. Father Nusi is from a diocese in southern India, which can use some financial help.

Confirmation It will be held on Saturday, September 27, at St. Mary's Church in Appleton. Students from our Church along with students from St. Mary and St. Joseph, both in Appleton, will be confirmed.

Father Bob's Items

Father Bob explained how he received three books from Dynamic Catholics that could be used as the Parish Book Program for Christmas. The Parish would choose which book to purchase for \$2.00 per book to give to Parishioners at Christmas Masses. This item was tabled until the October meeting.

Father Bob said he will be attending a seminar on OCIA on Tuesday, September 16. Also, that Father Don Zuleger would be filling in for Masses and Confession on October 4th and Father Funk for Masses on October 18.

Election of Officers

Pat Schmidt agreed to be President. Kelly Buechel made a motion that Pat Schmidt be the President. Jim Milhaupt seconded it. Motion carried.

Kelly Buechel said that she would be Secretary. Pat Schmidt made a motion that Kelly Buechel be the Secretary. Jim Milhaupt seconded it. Motion carried.

Annual meeting

Sunday, November 16, 2025, is the date for the Annual Meeting. It will be held shortly after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Next meeting date – Thursday, October 9, 2025, at 6 p.m.

Adjourn the meeting – Father Bob led the closing prayer. Jim Milhaupt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kelly Buechel seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Prepared by Pat Schmidt, Parish Council Secretary