

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 8th, 2026 - 7pm



Member Attendance: Andrew Hanselman, Andrew Usher, Emily LaForte, Eva Hansen, Lea Kammerer, Ralph Johnson, Todd Briguet, Tom Reamer

Staff Attendance: Fr. Brian Fier, Danika Dorame

Opening Prayer – Archdiocesan Evangelization Prayer

- I. PPC Liaison Roles and Start to the year
 - a. New Assignment Feedback: Fun, Interesting, Busy, Lively and overall good kickoffs
 - b. Promote & Grow established programs/activities this year
 - c. Liaison Role: Support and Guide the groups; Encourage Collaboration amongst the Commissions & Invite other points of view to the discussion (Fr., Administrator & PPC Co-Chairs are available to join meetings for additional support/input)
 - d. 2026-27 Call to Action / Focus will be announced later this year... stay tuned!
- II. Parish Administrator Report
 - a. Finance Council Update - PASC (Archdiocesan Accounting Firm) turnover of the fiscal year end reporting to our Staff is still delayed/2 months now; Manual bookkeeping will be a catch-up project now thru Fall Festival; Admin Fall letter went out with inconclusive info the end of August and will be updated to parish in November.
 - b. Archdiocesan Capital Campaign – more info to come; Pastor expectation is 100% participation from the registered families at Church of St. Patrick, Inver Grove Heights MN. PPC should continue to identify those who will help with the initiative in preparation of the Launch (TBD)
- III. SET (Synod Evangelization Team) Update
 - a. Only One Thing Is Necessary; focus on the domestic church and supporting parents as the primary educators of the Catholic faith; take home activity bags each month & whole community catechesis events this year (FF Kick off Mass, All Saints & more); link to online letter/program in the chapel for Adoration and all families is available
 - b. Small Groups will continue this year with Advent & Lent focus
 - c. Communications will be in the gathering space each month; Info table at Fall Festival / SET at the FF Kick off Mass 9/23/26
 - d. Next SET meeting is 9/16/26 in parish office at 6pm
- IV. Commission Reports
 - a. Administration – Capital Campaign projects are now completed; Current work on Chapel damper, retaining wall, irrigation and more; Shamrock Hall roof replacement in 2027; Stewardship is working on their mission statement to focus their work this year.
 - b. Faith Formation – Children's Games at Festival, Registration for Fall Session is coming to an end in September; FF is tasked with looking into registered family info vs FF enrollment this year; FF Kick off Mass is 9/23/26 and planning for St. Nicholas Craft Fair in Dec.
 - c. Parish Life – no 55+ lunch in Sept, will resume in Oct; Hospitality Sundays discussion regarding responsibility of overseeing it – currently Circle of Friends & Men's Club. Parish life is tasked with going back to the committees to determine specific needs and why this would not continue/how the groups are active in the parish.

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- d. Pastoral Care – Care Notes update most taken are on the topics of bullying and suicide, looking to provide additional resources on those topics; tasked to collaborate with the worship commission regarding Veteran display.
 - e. Social Justice – review of last years' work and implementing a qualitative and quantitative tracking of initiatives; speakers this year Sept & March; Bingo Tent at Fall Festival/ possible blanket box to donate to local agencies that may need them.
 - f. Worship – working on environment planning this year, 170th Anniversary event, upcoming concerts & Liturgical needs discussed this month.
- V. 170th Anniversary Display & Concert: Planning happened over the summer, parishioner/s approached Archdiocese for loan of artifacts display; Volunteers will be on site to ensure proper care is taken with the artifacts and give personal tours of the info on loan from parishioners. Concert is Sunday 9/13/26 with spoken stories and music to celebrate 170 years of Church of St. Patrick – IGH, MN. Hospitality will be provided in Shamrock Hall after the concert in collaboration with Circle of Friends.
- VI. Worship Commission continues to address music at the Sunday 8:00 AM Mass - Due to limited cantor availability, music is temporarily suspended while additional cantors are recruited and trained to rebuild a sustainable rotation. The goal is to restore more consistent music as staffing and resourcing allows.
- VII. IGH Days Parade Planning: Driver, Walkers, Handouts all in place and ready for the parade on 9/12/26. New this year- recruiting walkers in the gathering space after Masses, pulpit speaker Labor Day weekend and personal invitations to walk with our parish float.
- VIII. Fall Festival 2026
- a. Planning and Volunteer signups continue in the gathering space, donations are due to the office this week, Rummage Sale is ready for event
 - b. PPC members to serve dinner 5:00 – 6:15pm Saturday night
 - c. PPC will also help at events and be identified with badges; provide hospitality and mingle amongst visitors / report back to PPC in October
 - d. Activities this year with new oversight are the Cookies and Pull Tabs; for next year planning there is a need to oversee the Raffel rollout & delivery process/oversight

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Contact Parish Office or Commission for additional information.

Next Leadership Commission Night is Tuesday, Oct 6th – 7pm Emerald Hall
Next PPC meeting will be Tuesday, Oct 13th – 7pm Emerald Hall
(6:30 Mass in Chapel)

Open to Public & All are Welcome to attend!