

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 11th, 2026 - 7pm



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

Staff Attendance: Fr. Brian Fier, Danika Dorame
Opening Prayer

I. 2026-27 PPC Kickoff

- a. Welcome Andrew Usher & Tom Reamer
- b. Commission Liaison Assignments:
 - i. Andrew Hanselman – Worship Commission
 - ii. Andrew Usher – Social Justice Commission
 - iii. Emily LaForte – Parish Life Commission
 - iv. Lea Kammerer – Administration Commission
 - v. Ralph Johnson – Faith Formation Commission
 - vi. Tom Reamer – Pastoral Care Commission
- c. PPC Co-Chair Assignments
 - i. Todd Briguët
 - ii. Eva Hansen
- d. 2026-27 Call to Action / Focus will be announced later this year as info is available
- e. Commissions will meet on the 1st of Tues of month / PPC will meet on the 2nd Tues of month this year (amendment needed to Leader Guide) Meetings are Open to the Public
 - i. Doors are to be unlocked
 - ii. Signs in place to meeting location
- f. Additional housekeeping items discussed

II. Hosting Cursillo Weekends: recap of July weekends

- a. Entire Campus in use for 10 days – could be a scheduling conflict
- b. Expense to parish resources approx. \$10K in staffing, utilities, supplies, and no wedding/funeral income potential during retreat for future consideration if asked to host again
- c. Archbishop made a visit to retreat, positive feedback from Cursillo

III. Cantor Needs : 8am Sunday Mass, lack of music ministers to end quiet mass this fall

- a. Bulletin articles from Staff in Aug
- b. Resources limited / paying cantors not viable currently
- c. Worship Commission to report back to PPC in September

IV. Kitchen Security:

- a. appliances need ventilation, area needs to be secure
- b. 2 options were proposed by Admin Commission /Buildings & Grounds Committee
- c. PPC Recommendation (vote 7 approve / 1 dissent): Administration Commission to proceed with plans/approval of the less expensive option of lockable gates across the hallways in Shamrock Hall as a temporary solution to the overheating of appliances in the closed kitchen space until a time when finances improve and the matter can be revisited, HVAC/baffle systems upgrade = long term/cost effective solution.

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V. Parish Administrator Report

- a. Finance Council Update - PASC (Archdiocesan Accounting Firm) relationship has been terminated; all bookkeeping is now in-house with our staff (added payroll). Cost savings are approx. \$10K per year (PASC is on a delay to close out FY2025 currently); Our mortgage debt is currently \$1.3M
- b. 2026 Fall Festival is September 19th & 20th - our annual fundraiser; there are many ways to get involved, info will be in the Gathering Space and Bulletin in the coming weeks; Rummage Sale is September 9th-11th; proceeds from both will help supplement parish expenses, mortgage and assessments.
- c. Archdiocesan Capital Campaign – Possible leader names in review, launch will be January 2027 – more info to come; Pastor expectation is 100% participation from the registered families at Church of St. Patrick, Inver Grove Heights MN.

VI. SET (Synod Evangelization Team) Update

- a. Currently implementing the Archbishop's plan: Only One Thing Is Necessary; focus on the domestic church and supporting parents as the primary educators of the Catholic faith
- b. Small Groups will continue this year with Advent & Lent focus
- c. Communications will be in the gathering space as available
- d. Next SET meetings are 8/12/26 and 9/16/26 in parish office at 6pm

VII. Commission Reports No Updates, Next Commission Meeting Night is 9/1/2026 – 7pm

VIII. PPC at Fall Festival:

- a. 5 members have committed to serving dinner in Shamrock Hall as a group from 5:00 – 6:15pm Saturday night (report to Kitchen a few min before 5)
- b. All PPC members to help with their Commissions' activities Sat & Sun or touch base with leadership to see where help is needed/mingle and welcome visitors
- c. PPC members will have name tags/identifying badges, provide hospitality & bring back feedback to the Oct PPC meeting for discussion.

Adjourn 8:20 PM

Contact Parish Office or Commission for additional information.

Next Leadership Commission Night is Tuesday, Sept 1st – 7pm Emerald Hall
Next PPC meeting will be Tuesday, Sept 8th – 7pm Emerald Hall
(6:30 Mass in Chapel)

Open to Public & All are Welcome to attend!