

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 13th, 2026, 7-8:10pm



Member Attendance: Andrew Hanselman, Emily LaForte, Eva Hansen, Jennifer Herman, Lea Kammerer, Ralph Johnson, Todd Briguet

Staff Attendance: Fr. Brian Fier, Danika Dorame

Member Absent: Alex Leon, Jason Leon

Opening Prayer

- I. Parish Float in the Inver Grove Heights Days Parade
 - a. Is this of value to our Parish & Community?
 - b. Which Commission / Committee will oversee this task going forward (Register, float prep, volunteers, handouts, etc.)
 - c. All Commissions give input to PPC at the Feb 2026 meeting 2/10/26
- II. 2026 Parish / Volunteer Appreciation Event
 - a. Looking for ideas from Commissions / Committees – return to the next PPC meeting on 2/10/2026
- III. Parish Letters (Nov & Jan) Census, Capital Campaign, Security, Serving & Giving
 - a. All budget/expenses questions can be directed to Parish Administrator
 - b. Other feedback to PPC ongoing as needed
- IV. Parish Administrator Report
 - a. Finance Council Update
 - b. New Parishioner Process
 - c. 2nd Sunday Collections
- V. SET Update
 - a. Reclaiming Sundays Program – January is Invitation & Prayer
 - b. Small Groups – for Winter & Lent (Resources provided by Archdiocesan Grant) TBD
 - c. Next Set Meeting is 2/5/26 in the parish office
- VI. Commission Updates
 - a. **Parish Life 1/13/26**
 - i. 55+ - volunteers will be needed for Feb-March events
 - ii. Men's Club – Help host donut Sundays Feb-March
 - iii. Circle of Friends – Hospitality at Christmas concert was successful.
 - iv. Franciscans – Year End Financials and assisting with scripture/communion services Jan-Feb.
 - v. Fall Festival – Nothing to report
 - b. **Pastoral Care 1/13/26**
 - i. Homebound Ministry – actively working to recruit and train more volunteers.
 - c. **Administration 1/13/26**
 - i. Building & Grounds – Cemetery shed completed / painting in Spring
 - ii. Capital Campaign – Smoke dampeners in duct system / Security Upgrades
 - iii. Stewardship – New Parishioner Welcome, Sunday 2nd Collections & Prayer Teams

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d. Faith Formation 1/13/26

- i. We have a volunteer leader for your ministry
- ii. Lenten outreach project planned for Open Door Food Pantry
- iii. Lenten resources available Ash Wednesday 2/18/26

e. Social Justice 1/13/26

- i. Christmas Giving Tree – successful this year
- ii. February – Essential Needs Collections
- iii. Speakers after Communion – Jan from Catholic Charities and End of Sept from Guiding Star Wakota in tandem with their collections. Talk about Catholic Social Teaching to parishioners.
- iv. Visit to Listening House (where the Ugly Quilts are donated)

f. Worship 1/13/26

- i. Christmas Review & Jan-Feb scripture /communion services planned.
- ii. Music in the bulletin
- iii. Flags in the gathering space / Veteran Monitor updated needed
- iv. Bulletin updates for special liturgies and the work of the commission
- v. Lent planning

VII. Old Business Updates

- a. Crucifix to be installed in Shamrock Hall soon.
- b. 2026 Giving Tree feedback / future planning, timelines, placement, etc. SJC is encouraged to work on this thru May – so that the plan for next Nov is in place and approved before the Summer break if not meeting in June-Aug 2026.
- c. Veteran's Display – Update to PPC is needed now that the permanent home for the flags is completed.
- d. SJC to investigate services offered by Open Door and Neighbor's to be used as a resource when families / individuals in need reach out to St. Patrick for help. Report back to PPC in March.

Contact Parish Office or Commission for additional information.

Next Leadership Commission Night is Tuesday, Jan 3rd at 7:00PM

Next PPC meeting will be Tuesday, Dec 10th at 7:00 PM – All are Welcome to attend!

Adjourn 8:10 PM