

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 12th, 2026, 7pm



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

Staff Attendance: Fr. Brian Fier, Danika Dorame & Trustee – Ryan Kane

Member Absent:

Opening Prayer

I. Parish Administrator Report

- a. Finance Council Update - Revenues now covering all expenses except assessments; Capital campaign funds have all been allocated. Work will have been booked out by June 30th.
- b. Archdiocesan Capital Campaign - PPC will compile list of 60-80 potential recruits that will be trained to deliver the campaign message. St. Pat's will host the training for other local churches. Prep work begins in July; campaign kicks off Jan. 2027

II. SET Update

- a. Reclaiming Sundays Program- "Reclaiming Sundays" program ends in July. "Only One Thing is Necessary" program will begin with Archbishop Hebda's online pastoral letter at the end of May.
- b. Next Set Meeting- June 23rd

III. Commission Highlights/ updates & end of year recap

a. **Parish Life**

Highlights - PL got some good suggestions from attendees at the Donut Sundays they were involved in; Dinners hosted by 55+ were well attended; New additions to the men's club

Updates/goals: Need to find a shadow for Nancy who will be transitioning out of 55

b. **Pastoral Care**

Highlights / update: Homebound ministry has found some volunteers; Meeting time has changed and working well; Adding topics to care notes (grief counseling, children and bullying)

c. **Administration**

Highlights: Undertook parish census and new directory; Wrapped up successful capital campaign; Consolidated 2nd collection process; Re-introduced crucifix from old church and made many cemetery upgrades

Future goals: Need to develop a clear mission statement; Build on current stewardship program; Create a security task force program; Create a landscape plan.

d. **Faith Formation**

Highlights: Fundraisers collected \$4,800+ and tuition raised \$11,000+; Oversaw the child and teen games at Fall Festival; Most events that FF oversaw were well attended; Developed new youth group strategy with two new volunteer ministers
Goals: FF will partner with other local youth pastors to build a foundation of prayer Groups across faith traditions; Planning Seder meal with a priest/rabbi April 2027

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e. Social Justice

Highlights: Speakers that were brought in were well received (Catholic Charities and Wakota Guiding Star); Mary's Garden seed packets went well and received some donations; Increased the number of ugly quilts donated; Gained Father Brian as a commission member with the Deacon's departure

Goals: Adding to the bounty fund; Grow the book club recommendations to parish

f. Worship

Highlights: Success of both the Mass of Remembrance and the Christmas concert

Goal for the '26-'27: is to figure out how to increase participation in everything. More recognition? Better communication?

IV. 2025-26 PPC Recap Assessment

a. Key Issues Addressed

Flag display; Parish appreciation event; Parish participation with the float and parade; Refurbished crucifix and placement in Shamrock Hall; Catholic Engagement Encounter sponsorship; Hosting Cursillo on Campus; New Parishioner Welcome process; Giving Tree needs and intentions

b. Fostering Parishioner Involvement

Commission or group involvement at Fall Festival (brought to you by ...); Capital Campaign wrap up and thank you gift; Promoted census; Commission and PPC involvement at donut Sunday events

c. Goals for '26,'27

Review leadership guide; Clear goals established for next year (membership transition); Communication improvement

V. PPC Role at Fall Festival

- Discussion about what the PPC will sponsor as a group; Parish Life collaboration (What did you do last year?)

VI. Other Business

- Discussion about a summer picnic not previously scheduled; vote to approve a July picnic sponsored by 55+ , all in favor, motion passed

Adjourn 8:20 PM

Contact Parish Office or Commission for additional information.

Next Leadership Commission Night is TBD – see bulletin for summer schedule

Next PPC meeting will be Tuesday, June 9th at 7:00 PM (6:30 Mass in Chapel)

All are Welcome to attend!