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St. Paul Parish Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 9, 2025 - 6:00 p.m. – Bona Room

**“Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are a growing Catholic Community of Disciples, who
Know, Love, Serve and Share, the Good News of Jesus.”**

- I. Opening Prayer – Father Bob
- II. Review Last meeting – September 11, 2025, Parish Council Minutes
- III. Attendance: Record meeting attendees - Kelly
- IV. Open Forum – Open the floor for additional topics
 - a. Liturgical Minister schedule – a few months schedule prepared ahead of time
- V. Standing items
 - a. Faith Formation Update – Maggie
 - b. Mary’s Girls – Pat
 - c. Knights of Columbus – Sacred Heart Icon, Breakfast – Oct. 12 8am-Noon
 - d. Christian Services – Judy
 - Trustees Update-
 - Jim Milhaupt, Secretary/Pastoral Trustee
 - Jackie Weiland 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. Music ministry
 - b. October-The Month of the Rosary - The Family Rosary Across America on Relevant Radio
 - c. Christmas gift to Parishioners – a free book
 - d. All Saints Mass Schedule
 - e. All Souls remembrance Mass/Event
 - f. Annual Meeting – November 16, 2025
 - g. Repair and upgrade of the Church bell ringers
 - h. Seasoned Saints Senior Fellowship – meal and Kimberly Choir for entertainment
 - i. Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9AM
 - j. Live Nativity – Dec. 5-6
 - k. Next Parish Council meeting – Nov. 13, 2025? due to annual meeting (or Dec. 11th)
- VII. 6:55PM Closing Prayer – Father Bob

ST. PAUL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – AMENDED January 8, 2026

Thursday, October 9, 2025

6:00 p.m. in Bona Room

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President Pat Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Father Bob did the opening prayer.

MINUTES - Michelle Otto made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the September 11, 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 - Pat Schmidt brought up the topic of the Liturgical Minister schedule. Maggie does it, but she wondered if we could get a schedule ahead of time; not just in the bulletin. It was discussed how it's difficult to make plans on the weekends if you don't know which mass you're assigned. Judy Hurlburt also brought up the issue that times are not listed in the bulletin under "Coming Up at St. Paul Parish." There are meeting dates for different groups and events but not the time. Father Bob said he will talk to Maggie about setting up a schedule ahead of time for volunteers and adding the "time" to the bulletin's list of upcoming events. Judy Hurlburt mentioned she could help with scheduling if help was needed and wanted.

STANDING ITEMS:

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE - Maggie was not in attendance, but had typed up an update. Children's Liturgy resumed on September 21 and for the last 3 weeks there have not been any children attending the 8:30 a.m. but a good size group attending the 10:30 a.m. Mass each week. Maggie mentioned in her update that she is leaning toward not having a Children's Liturgy at 8:30 a.m. Mass if this trend continues because it's not fair to the catechists to prepare and plan to be there and then be disappointed. She will make a decision by the end of October and let everyone know. Pat Schmidt commented that there was a correction to last weekend's 8:30 a.m. Mass; two kids attended the 8:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy. **FLOCK Faith Formation** (grades 1-11) update: five of our high school seniors received Confirmation on September 27 from Abbott Dane Radecki of Saint Norbert Abbey. Our two other seniors had pre-existing family conflicts and will join the Confirmation Mass at Holy Spirit in January. Also, there was a family kickoff night on September 24 with pizza and family activity stations that was well attended; 30 families came which is more than in the past. Faith Formation tuition remained the same this year except that families who are not registered parish members pay an out-of-parish supplement fee of \$50 per child. Elementary curriculum continues to use Loyola Press *Christ Our Life* as its framework for grades 1-5. Middle school grades 6-8 will use *Connect* from St. Mary's Press. This is a change from *Edge* due to catechist feedback, desire for a new model more conducive to our smaller size, and also financial considerations; we save about \$150 this

year using "Connect" and in future years will save around \$300 per year over *Edge*. This year, high school students will meet three times a month instead of twice. The evening time slot seems to work for most families since they are back from weekend travels by Sunday evening.

FAMILY MINISTRY: Trunk or Treat is planned for Saturday, October 25; children are invited to wear a costume to 4 p.m. Mass for a blessing and then explore the fun trunks and treats in the beautiful new parking lot.

MARY'S GIRLS - Pat Schmidt reported that October is the Month of the Rosary. Mary's Girls will be meeting and praying the rosary this Saturday, October 11 at noon to commemorate the October 13, 1917 miracle. The Rosary will also be prayed on the October 13.

KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS - Pat Schmidt said that the Knight's were planning a Pancake/Porkie breakfast for Sunday, October 12 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. They also helped organize the travel and borrowing of the Sacred Heart icon from for all to see in church next to the Ambo. This reproduction of the original image is one of more than 300 icons, each bearing the apostolic blessing of Pope Francis, that are now traveling around the world as part of the Knights' Pilgrim Icon Program. The original image is currently in the Church of the Gesù in Rome. It stays at St. Paul's until next Tuesday, October 14, 2025.

CHRISTIAN SERVICES - Judy Hurlburt reported that the group is still talking about adopting a family for Christmas. She also mentioned that Pat Williams, the artist who painted our stations of the cross, will be at St. Paul's on Sunday, October 26 at 9:30 a.m. for a meet and greet after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. There will be refreshments in either the Bona room or the hall.

Trustees Report - Jim Milhaupt (Secretary Trustee) - no report. Jackie Weiland (Treasurer Trustee) - not in attendance. Pat Schmidt reminded us that Jackie has taken over for Bea Hopfensperger.

Property & Finance Update (as a FYI to the Parish Council) - Father Bob reported on how the projects for the Capital Campaign are progressing. The parking lot is finally done. Some parking slots are a little wider (10 ft.) and some are still 8 ft. if they had the old markings. The new electronic street sign stopped working on just one side of it. The company has been contacted. Energy Control Heating and Cooling were here and asbestos people are coming Friday, October 9. After the asbestos is taken care of then the heating and cooling workers can finish the thermostat project. ~~Bank statements are not accurate right now as bills are coming in and some insurance money is also coming in.~~ (Amended January 8, 2026) There are many other projects that will need to be discussed and decided by the Finance Committee. Phones need to be updated to Windows 11. There were electrical issues during the brat fest and now updates/additions to the garage will need to be discussed. Key fobs for the doors would be useful/helpful. A new roof for the church has been in discussion along with a generator and bathroom updates. New lights under the portico and new LED lights throughout the church where needed. Lee manufacturing was contacted for a quote to repair the church bell ringers and it's large so we should look into getting other bids.

CEMETERY UPDATE - Father Bob mentioned they are looking at getting the cemetery repaved and adding speed bumps. (*Amended January 8, 2026*) The cemetery is in a good financial situation and the money would come out of its fund.

PASTORAL COUNCIL:

FATHER BOB'S ITEMS - Saturday, October 18 Father Dave Funk is coming. Sunday, October 19, we will have a baptism after 10:30 a.m. mass.

MUSIC MINISTRY - Father Bob is looking for a new Music Director since Bill Stevens left to go to the Seminary. Four applicants have been contacted.

OCTOBER - THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY - The Family Rosary Across America on Relevant Radio. A Family Rosary is supposed to be prayed daily in October at 7 p.m. but we are already praying the rosary together with Mary's Girls and each morning before daily Mass so Father Bob didn't think we needed to push it further.

CHRISTMAS GIFT TO PARISHIONERS - A FREE BOOK. Judy Hurlburt showed a recommended prayer book and suggested we look into giving this to parishioners as a Christmas gift and asked if we needed to order only one of the three books from Mathew Kelly that we normally do. Pat Schmidt said this decision is discussed and decided by the Finance Committee, but we could look into this idea for something else like Mary's Girls.

ALL SAINTS MASS SCHEDULE - Since it's the first Saturday of November and November then it's not a day of obligation. Saturday, November 1 at 8:30 a.m.

ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE MASS / EVENT - Supplies (luminary bags) are ready to distribute or take at this weekend's mass (October 11 or 12). All Souls' Mass starts at 4 p.m. on November 1. Luminaries will be set up and lit before parishioners arrive.

ANNUAL MEETING - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025 AFTER 10:30 A.M. MASS IN VANDENBERG HALL.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SEASONED SAINTS SENIOR FELLOWSHIP - meal and Kimberly Choir for entertainment
THANKSGIVING DAY MASS AT 9 A.M. - Pat Schmidt confirmed.

LIVE NATIVITY - December 5 and 6 - we need volunteers; posted in the bulletin.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - December 11 because of the annual meeting.

ADJOURN THE MEETING - Father Bob led the closing prayer. Jim Milhaupt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Judy Hurlburt seconded it. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:57pm.

Meeting Minutes prepared by Kelly Buechel, Parish Council Secretary