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St. Paul Parish Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday,

Thursday, December 11, 2025 - 6:00 p.m. – Bona Room

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- I. Opening Prayer – Father Bob
- II. Review Last meeting – October 9, 2025, Parish Council Minutes
- III. Attendance: Record meeting attendees - Kelly
- IV. Open Forum – Open the floor for additional topics
- V. Standing items
 - a. Faith Formation Update – Maggie
 - b. Mary’s Girls – Pat
 - c. Knights of Columbus – Breakfast dates
 - 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
 - f. Cemetery – Father Bob
- VI. Pastoral Council:
 - a. Music ministry
 - b. Christmas gift to Parishioners – a free book
 - c. Christmas and January 1st Mass schedules
 - d. Comments about Annual Meeting – November 16, 2025
 - e. Repair and upgrade of the Church bell ringers
 - f. Comments on Seasoned Saints Senior Fellowship – meal and Kimberly Choir for entertainment-took place Dec 4th
 - g. Comments on Live Nativity – Dec. 5-6
 - h. Next Parish Council meeting – January 8, 2026
- VII. Other Business
- VIII. 6:55PM Closing Prayer – Father Bob

ST. PAUL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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6:00 P.M. in Bona Room

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President Pat Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Father Bob did the opening prayer.

MINUTES - Judy Hurlburt made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the October 9, 2025 meeting. Jim Milhaupt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTENDANCE - Father Bob Stegmann, Jim Milhaupt, Pat Schmidt, Judy Hurlburt, Michelle Otto, and Kelly Buechel.

STANDING ITEMS:

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE - Maggie was not in attendance and she left no update. Father Bob mentioned that Faith Formation was running smoothly as far as he knows. 1st and 4th grade students watched the movie “The Star” last Wednesday because we were short one teacher. The following Wednesday would be pizza and prayer night. Kelly Buechel mentioned how much this is appreciated because it saves her from having to make her family dinner so that she can spend more time preparing for Faith Formation class. She believes a lot of families enjoy it and some parents do stay for Holy Hour afterwards. We hope this continues.

MARY'S GIRLS - Pat Schmidt reported that there is no meeting for Mary's Girls in December. The rosary would be prayed this Saturday, December 13.

KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS - Pat Schmidt said that the Knight's would be hosting a Pancake/Porkie breakfast for Sunday, January 11, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The next Pancake/Porkie breakfast dates would include: 2/15, 3/15, 4/19, and 5/17.

CHRISTIAN SERVICES - Judy Hurlburt reported that many gifts from the Giving Tree have been coming in and were left under the tree. There are a few ornaments left for Pillars, but the last day is 12/15 to return with a gift. Karen Jansen will talk to Maggie about the next steps.

Trustees Report - Jim Milhaupt (Secretary Trustee) - no report. Jackie Weiland (Treasurer Trustee) - not in attendance.

Property & Finance Update (as a FYI to the Parish Council) - Father Bob reported on the boiler project/inspection. Three parts need to be ordered and we don't know the cost yet. Cheri was assured that the boilers will keep working until they're fixed. Also, there may be some more insurance money coming (from the basement flooding incident) that will help with the costs.

CEMETERY UPDATE - Father Bob mentioned that by law we have to be able to bury caskets, but the cost goes up in winter.

PASTORAL COUNCIL:

MUSIC MINISTRY & Source and Summit worship book- Father Bob said we are still searching for a choir director. Pat Schmidt opened up the discussion of the new Source and Summit worship book. There have been some complaints about the new book from parishioners. Michelle Otto mentioned the new book doesn't have some popular/familiar songs that are used especially for funerals. Because of this, Father Bob said we are renewing our online version of Breaking Bread so we can use those songs when necessary. The new book has things arranged differently and will take time to get used to it. Also, the songs are new to us. We will keep trying to adjust to the new book and decide in the future if we should go back to Breaking Bread.

New Advent books offered to Parishioners - Advent reflection book (Magnificat) instead of Little Blue Book and the Word Among Us Advents books offered. Pat Schmidt said she hasn't heard anyone say that they miss the Little Blue Book this year (except for Kelly Buechel). Parish Council members were still reading the advent reflection books and didn't have a lot of comments about it yet.

Raffle Calendar Sales - Father Bob said calendar sales are ahead of last year's sales. This may be due to the price drop from \$30 down to \$25.

Christmas gift to Parishioners - Pat Schmidt continued the discussion of the free book given to parishioners at Christmas. In the past, the church has given the parishioners a free book as a Christmas present. She said if we don't have one ordered, then Mary's Girls has offered to pay for one. A cost sheet analysis was shown to the parish council for discussion. Gems of Devotion Christmas Book/Leaflet is what will be ordered. The cost decreases when more books are purchased. After discussing costs and numbers, Judy made a motion that Mary's Girls order and pay for 200 books at \$.85 each = \$170 + \$25.95 standard shipping (6-8 business days) in order to get it before Christmas Eve. Father Bob seconded the motion; the motion carried. Pat Schmidt will ask Cheri to order the books.

Christmas and January 1st Mass Schedules: December 24 (Christmas Eve) at 4 p.m. and 9 p.m., December 25 (Christmas Day) at 9 a.m., December 26 at 8 a.m., December 31 at 8 a.m. (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Vigil) at 4 p.m., January 1 (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God) at 8 a.m., and January 2 at 8 a.m.

Comments about Annual Meeting on November 16, 2025 - Jim Milhaupt typed up the meeting minutes from the meeting and sent the final copy to Cheri and Father Bob. He mentioned how some parishioners sent him additional comments outside of the meeting that he added in his report.

Repair and upgrade of the Church bell ringers - Father Bob told the council that once things settle down then the bells will be taken care of. The first bid was very high and the church needs to get more bids before making a decision.

Comments on Holiday Potluck and Concert (included meal and Kimberly choir for entertainment on December 4th) - 12 people attended and good things were said about the food and the talented choir. We hope this will continue.

Comments on Live Nativity (December 5-6) - Jim Milhaupt had some good comments about the Live Nativity from last weekend. We had a lot more cars both nights but especially Friday. We also had a lot more volunteers this year so almost all stations were filled. The radio station for the choir and a QR code for donations on the new marquee was helpful. The radio station only worked once vehicles were in the church parking lot. A lot of cars waited in long lines leading up to the parking lot. A suggestion was made to look into getting a stronger radio transmitter so that all cars could listen to the choir singing while they waited.

Next Parish Council Meeting - January 8, 2026. President Pat Schmidt will not be in attendance at this meeting. Jim Milhaupt agreed to run the next meeting.

ADJOURN THE MEETING - Father Bob led the closing prayer. Michelle Otto made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Judy Hurlburt seconded it. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes prepared by Kelly Buechel, Parish Council Secretary