

ST. PAUL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, March 12, 2026

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.”

President Pat Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and said the opening prayer.

MINUTES - Judy Hurlburt made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the January 8, 2026 meeting. Michelle Otto seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTENDANCE - Judy Hurlburt, Michelle Otto, Pat Schmidt, Bill Stevens, Cheri Ver Voort and Kelly Buechel. Father Bob was not in attendance.

OPEN FORUM

No additional topics were brought up for discussion.

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

Maggie was not in attendance, but she left the council an update. Faith Formation hosted its 5th monthly “Pizza and Prayer with Parents” night of the year. She noted that they have been well-received and we are so grateful to the generous donors who made them possible. Lent Family Faith Night was February 25 and we had good participation. Special thanks to Bill Stevens who led an activity with families on Singing the Mass. New this year will be an Easter themed Family Faith Night on April 8. In February our high school faith formation unit on Church History concluded and we began the 2nd unit for this year, on the Creed, which takes us to the end of the year. The Spiritus Missionaries from Mount Tabor Center were with us on March 11 to lead the 6th-8th graders in their annual Safe Environment lesson. Our 2nd grade families are working through their home-study books for First Communion, which pair nicely with what we do in our classroom on Wednesday.

MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE

Bill Stevens was in attendance to explain his goals for the music ministry. He apologized for not being around when we switched over to the new Source and Summit Hymnal. The decision to change books was made prior to his knowledge that he would enter the seminary. Bill explained how he had originally planned on being here for the transition from the old Breaking Bread book to the new Source and Summit book (since there are some big differences and change is hard for everyone). He is here now and will help guide the transition to the original goal. He told us that the Source and Summit Hymnal is used by Bishop at the Cathedral and trickles down the Diocese to us. The theological text in Source and Summit makes Mass proper and connects us deeper to ancient early Church.

MARY’S GIRLS

Pat Schmidt told us Mary’s Girls will be saying their monthly Rosary on March 13 at 2 p.m. in church and the next meeting will be March 22. March 21 and March 22, Mary’s

Girls will be celebrating St. Joseph's altar with baked treats on a table for everyone near the front entrance of church after each Mass.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus Pancake breakfast was postponed until March 22 due to bad weather. The next Pancake breakfast dates will include: 4/19, and 5/17.

CHRISTIAN SERVICES

Judy Hurlburt reported that the Christian Services group will be supplying and filling Easter eggs with candy and a bible verse. They will be handing out Easter eggs to children after Mass on Easter.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Regarding the Liturgical Art and Environment: On March 10, Bill Stevens and Deacon Greg Mohr held a Liturgical Art and Environment Workshop with the Environmental Committee to share information about decorating for each Liturgical Season. Pat Schmidt discussed with Michelle Otto and Bill Stevens how and on which days the church will be decorated for Holy Week. Bill explained the recommended procedures when deciding which statues and pictures need to be covered/veiled and the different colors to use.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Jim Milhaupt, Secretary Trustee, was not in attendance. No report. Jackie Weiland, Treasurer Trustee - not in attendance.

PROPERTY & FINANCE UPDATE (AS AN FYI TO THE PARISH COUNCIL)

No update

CEMETERY UPDATE

No update

BISHOP'S APPEAL

Be The Light - Pat Schmidt gave the Bishop's Appeal update. As of 3/10/26 the church has received 111 gifts totaling \$30,415.00 which is 59% of the \$51,772.00 assessment.

LENTEN BOOKLET - THE MAGNIFICAT LENTEN COMPANION

Judy Hurlburt as well as others in attendance mentioned that they like the book. The book has a short story or bible verse reflection and then a suggested penance at the bottom of the page for each day during lent.

LENTEN DISCOVERY SMALL GROUP FAITH SERIES

Judy Hurlburt and Bill Stevens attended the series and reported back that it's going well. About 30 people attend each week.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at noon during lent. Bill Stevens made books for everyone to follow along with music, reading and visuals.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

No Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning Mass. Holy Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Mass; Good Friday, Noon Passion of Our Lord; Holy Saturday, 8 p.m. Mass; Easter Sunday, 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Mass.

VICARIATE DAYS

A flyer was emailed to all in attendance on February 23. Pat Schmidt and Judy Hurlburt will be attending.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - April 9, 2026.

OTHER BUSINESS

Golf Outing is scheduled for Sunday, June 7, 2026.

ADJOURN THE MEETING - Bill Stevens led the closing prayer. Judy Hurlburt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michelle Otto seconded it. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Meeting Minutes prepared by Kelly Buechel, Parish Council Secretary

