

St. Patrick Parish Council Minutes
Monday, February 10, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.

Present – Fr. Jerry Gunderson, Jennifer Boldry, Peggy Gaier, Pat McCaskey, Ramiro Roman, Madeleine Slingerland, Michael Wodarczyk

Welcome – Pat McCaskey

Opening Prayer – Michael Wodarczyk

Approval of January 13 Meeting Minutes 1st, Ramiro Roman, 2nd, Peggy Gaier, all approved.

Administrator's Report – Fr. Gunderson

1) New Pastor Placement Process

- a) 1 of 18 parishes listed as open for a new pastor.
- b) Priests meet with Placement Board to learn process.
- c) Each candidate is asked to visit 3-5 parishes and meet with the pastor.
- d) By mid-March priests submit 3 choices of parishes they are willing to serve.
- e) Placement Board develops recommendations, meets with Cardinal and vicars. 3/ 27&28.
- f) Announcement of new pastors made by the Cardinal expected in the first week of April.

2) Lenten Almsgiving Appeal – An appeal on behalf of Fr. Wilfred and Chikwa Parish will take place in the first part of Lent. A mailing will give details of current and long-term needs.

- a) Flier going out to interested parishioners. Contact Parish Office if interested in donating.
- b) Almsgiving/sacrifice is an important aspect of a Lenten observance.

3) 11:45 Mass continues with low attendance, insufficient liturgical ministers, and Fr. Hennesey has had health issues.

4) Reception of Precious Blood will be limited to first weekend of the month at 5pm and 10am Masses, pending recruitment.

5) Blessed Carlo Acutis Award will be presented to Justin Young of St. Patrick Parish, nominated by Brandin Stoy and Fr. Jerry, by the Vocation Office of the Archdiocese on March 16th.

6) Lent

- a) **Liturgy of the Hours** during the Tridium will take place in the old church at 8:00am, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and on Thursday evening will close Adoration at 9:45pm with Night Prayer.
- b) **Soup & Song** April 5, more information to follow.
- c) **"Art and Faith: A Lenten Perspective"** A Patron of the Arts of the Vatican Museum program will take place on Sunday, April 6 at 2:00pm. A parishioner has sponsored this program which will feature a 15th century painting currently undergoing restoration, by Venetian painter Giovanni Bellini

MINISTRY REPORTS

Men's Group – Michael Wodarczyk

1) 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory: Weekly Monday meetings at 7:00pm, O'Gara.

2) 3rd Friday Prayer Group - Stations of the Cross, 7:00am in Main Church.

3) First Friday Mass: Mar 7, 6:30am in the Main Church.

4) Save the Dates:

- a) St. Joseph Men's Day of Reflection: Saturday, Mar 29, Hosted by OLPH, Glenview.
- b) Men's Retreat 2025: Friday, Apr 4 & Saturday, Apr 5, speaker, Dan Korenchan.
- c) Blood Drives: Sunday, May 4 & Sunday, Aug 10.
- d) Final Four, April 7
- e) Sausage Making, May 29
- f) BarBQ June 2

Women's Group – Peggy Gaier

- 1) Bunco for Babies: Thursday, Feb 27, Parish Center, benefits "Aid for Women".
- 2) Lenten Speaker: Thursday, Mar 6, 9:30am, Madeleine McCoy will start at 10:00am.
- 3) St. Patrick Party: Friday, Mar 14, Parish Center, "Not For Profit" band will play. New caterer with 3 dinner options (meatless available). RSVP by Sun., Mar. 9, \$70.

Religious Education – Pat Plodzeen

- 1) No report, except for Pat McCaskey shared that all the second graders filed in with homemade sympathy cards upon the death of his mother. He was deeply touched.

Domestic Abuse/Violence – Patrick Moorhead, via email

Sally Willis attended a *Healthy Teen Relationship Advocacy and Awareness* program for Holy Cross parents whose children will be Confirmed this year. Domestic Abuse Ministry and John Powen, Youth Ministry Coordinator, outlined plans with parents.

A Sacred Trust – Patrick Moorhead, via email

The group is growing with 12 in attendance last month. Thanks to Marilyn and Rich for initiating and guiding the flow of the group which provides camaraderie, support and valuable information for families living with a disabled member. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month at the O'Gara Center of St. Patrick Church, Lake Forest at 7:30 p.m.

Old Business.

- 1) Fr. Jim Sichko is unable to be a Lenten speaker next year. Holding off for now. The Priest 911 is an excellent speaker - this option will be investigated.
- 2) Church Hearing Support: Is under investigation - will be figured out.
- 3) 2 families went through Baptismal training with Ramiro and Lucy Roman last month. The one time, 2-hour sessions have had positive responses, and Godparents have been included (if they can make it).
- 4) Navigating Pastoral Transitions – Ramiro Roman, Michael Wodarczyk, Pat Moorhead will rotate the book and discuss at the next meeting.

No New Business

Nothing in Suggestion Box

Next Meeting Date: Monday, March 10, 2025, 7:30pm

Closing Prayer – Madeleine Slingerland

Opening Prayer for the February meeting will be said by Ramiro Roman and

Closing Prayer will be said by Madeleine McCoy.

Respectfully submitted by: Madeleine Slingerland, February 14, 2025