

Church of St. Patrick – Edina

Pastoral Council Meeting Summary - January 8, 2026

Members Present: Fr. Kuss, Kathy Koehler, Michelle Hannan, Andy Piazza, Roseanne Strand, Julie Schnell, Terry Kapsen

Members via Zoom: Grace Hanson, Bill Schnobrich, Jim Swanke

Members Not Present: Allison Schmidt

Key Takeaways

- Michelle H assumed the At-Large position, the parish council Vice Chair has been filled by Roseanne S, and she will assume the role of Chair beginning July 1st. An open position remains for Secretary.
- The Archdiocesan Capital Campaign will start for our group of parishes beginning January.

Opening & Approval of Minutes

- Fr. K opened with a prayer.
- A “Minutes Summary” for the November meeting was not posted due to multiple Wi-Fi issues and those on Zoom were unable to take part.

Update on Archdiocese “Capital Campaign” – Fr. K

- A Financial Goal has been set for St. Patrick’s by the Archdiocese and volunteer training begins late January-February.
- More details forthcoming from Archbishop Hebda at the January 15th meeting in St. Paul.
- A 45–50-minute volunteer/leadership gathering will take place at 5:30 pm January 20th in the Mahon Center.
- A formal announcement of the Archdiocesan Capital Campaign to all parishioners will take place on the weekend of January 24th and 25th.

Events & Fundraisers - Fr. Kuss & All

- **Women’s Club: Julie S**
 - Happ20+ Women joined in on the January 8th Happy Hour at The Hilltop
 - Bible Study will again be led by Mellisa Piazza
 - Potluck Luncheon – February 12th led by Roseanne Strand
 - Newcomers Breakfasts – March TBD (and September TBD)
 - “St. Patrick’s Day” Dinner” is planned to take place March 15th
- **Men’s Club: Andy Piazza**
 - All-Parish Pasta Dinner – January 24th led by Andy Piazza and his siblings
 - All-Parish Fish Fry - March 6th will be led by David Kessler
- **All Parish Events: Fr. Kuss**
 - Concerts on “The Green” in June and July (exact dates to follow)

- **Fundraisers: Grace H**

- Our largest fundraiser of the year will be “The St. Patrick’s 38th Annual Garage Sale” – September 9th-12th
- It is still too early to meet as a group but there are early donations coming in and stored

- **Other Happenings: Fr. Kuss**

- Young children of the parish are encouraged to contribute non-perishable food items in the baskets on the altar for weekend Masses during the offertory collections.
- Edina High School students from St. Patrick’s and Our Lady of Grace are invited on the 4th Tuesday of each month to attend 7:15 am Mass, followed by donuts and coffee in time to get to classes at 8:30 am. We all need to help promote participation to increase our current numbers of students attending.
- There’s been interest in having our youth of the parish help serve at weekend Masses. Julie S has volunteered to help in their training. We’re looking forward to having our youth become more involved in the liturgy.

Parish Council Update – Terry K

- A request that each of us to adopt one of the four objectives for this fiscal year to support achievement of each “Year 2 Target”... 65 new families/households join our parish; 80% participation in the number of parishioners contributing regularly; engaging the middle and high school students in 4-6 events and programs; and fulfill our mission “To create a vibrant, thriving, and supportive parish, centered on the love of God, growth in our faith, and service to our neighbors”.
- Grace H agreed to represent the “Garage Sale” and we are also looking for a person on the parish council to represent the Edina Middle and High School students from St. Patrick.

Facility Update – Bill S

- Fr. Kuss asked about costs related to the Safety and Security goals. Preliminary cost estimates are \$123K for redoing many areas of the sidewalks on campus and the addition of security cameras at \$33K.
- A new custodian/mechanic has joined our parish staff

Finance Update – Jim S

- Finances for the parish are on budget and our liquidity stands between 7-8 months

Other Updates/Changes – Fr. K

- Meg McManmon will be leaving as Fr. Kuss’ administrative assistant. Recruiting for her replacement is underway.
- Introducing children bringing food offerings during collection at Mass

Closing & Prayer

- Fr. K closed with a prayer