

Parish Council Meeting Summary

June 12, 2025

Members Present: Fr. Kuss, Terry Kapsen, Lisa Romaine, Bernadette Daly, Roseanne Strand, Grace Hanson, Andy Piazza, Zach Neuman.

Members Present via Zoom: Jim Swanke, Bill Schnobrich.

Members Not Present: Allison Schmidt, Cappy Moore.

Meeting Objective:

Review parish activities, events, and initiatives for St. Patrick's Parish Council

Key Takeaways

- Parish-wide Mass scheduled for July 13th with food/gathering in Celtic Center
- Garage sale fundraiser set for Sept 4-7, aiming for \$85k profit; need to increase parishioner involvement
- Sound system upgrade underway, to be completed in early July
- Synod meeting held; awaiting results of voting on final 8 proposals

Topics

Parish Events and Fundraisers (Fr. K)

- Summer concert on June 19th featuring Sunshine Band; Men's Club handling food sales
- Fall family events planned:
 - Nov 1st: Family-focused event with kids' games, pizza
 - Oct 25th: Adult-oriented event
- Super Bowl party scheduled for Jan 24th, 2026
- Annual potluck set for Feb 12th, 2026

Capital Campaign and Facility Needs (Fr. K)

- Archdiocese capital campaign starting; parish to begin prep in January
- Identified potential future needs:
 - Furnace/boiler replacements (34 units + 2 boilers)
 - Water heater replacements
 - Parking lot crack repairs and restriping
 - Sidewalk repairs
- Council members to email additional suggestions by end of June

Garage Sale Planning (Terry K & ALL)

- Dates: September 4-7, 2025
- Target profit: \$85,000 (ambitious goal)
- Kevin Newman to assist with furniture donations/pickups
- Grace handling truck signups and additional pickup dates if needed
- Need to increase parishioner involvement, especially new members
- Council to organize recruitment efforts in July/August

Women's Club Update (Terry K read from Cappy's Report)

- New leadership team in place:
 - Chris Wedum: Social events
 - Melissa (Andy's wife): Spiritual opportunities
 - Julie Schnell: Outreach Beyond Ourselves
 - Sue Holmes: Secretary

Men's Club Update (Andy P)

- Successful happy hour event on May 29th
- Assisting with summer concert food sales
- Weekly Tuesday 7pm Men's Rosary Walks continue

Facilities Update (Bill S)

- Sound system upgrade in progress, completion expected early July
- Classroom to atrium conversion project facing permit delays from city

Catholic Charities Food Recovery Program (Grace H)

- Partnership with St. Paul Public Schools to recover unused food
- 50,000 lbs. of food donated by February from a few schools
- Program now expanded to all St. Paul schools
- Potential volunteer opportunity for high school students

Next Steps:

- Schedule parish-wide Mass for July 13th with food and gathering in Celtic Center
- Council members to email facility needs suggestions by end of June
- Organize garage sale recruitment efforts for July/August
- Follow up on Catholic Charities food recovery program as potential outreach opportunity
- Next Parish Council meeting scheduled for September 11th