

St. Patrick Parish Council minutes, May 12, 2025

Present : Fr. Jerry, Jennifer Boldry, Peggy Gaier, Pat McCaskey, Pat Moorhead, Pat Plodzeen, Ramiro Roman, Mike Wodarczyk

Absent : Madeleine McCoy, Madeleine Slingerland, Alejandro Quiroz

1. Welcome – Pat McCaskey
2. Opening Prayer – Ramiro Roman
3. Navigating Pastoral Transitions – Pat Moorhead, Ramiro Roman, and Mike Wodarczyk

Mike reported that “patience is the biggest takeaway” in adjusting to a new pastor. Fr. Patrick will need time to get to know the parish. Avoid gossip and don’t refer to the past. Consider this is his first leadership role. We hope to have a welcome get-together the second weekend of July.

4. Approval of April 14 Meeting Minutes – Mike Wodarczyk made the motion to approve the minutes, & Pat Moorhead 2nd. All in favor. Motion passed.

5. Administrator’s Report – Jubilee Year – Father Gunderson

Fr. Jerry reintroduced Fr. Patrick Kizza to the parish at all masses on Easter. Madeleine has been including prayers for him in the Universal Prayer at weekend masses. Pat Plodzeen has interviewed Fr. Patrick for a testimonial in the bulletin & e-newsletter. Fr. Jerry met with Fr. Patrick last week. Fr. Patrick has received some requests from parishioners to meet but needs to decline until after July 1.

The council is asked to continue in their current roles until Fr. Patrick can determine next steps, although Pat Plodzeen will be leaving the Parish Council after the June meeting.

Fr. Patrick will join us at our next Parish Council meeting on Monday, June 9, at 7:30pm.

The staff will host an appreciation dinner for volunteers on Friday, June 13, at 6:30pm. Those invited will receive an invitation from Joanne Manarik.

Bishop Tim O’Malley will preside at the 11:45 mass on Sunday, June 1. The Blessing of the new statuary will take place at the end of Mass. A small reception in the gathering area is planned after the conclusion of Mass.

Deacon Frank DeFrank will officially retire July 1. A letter to the parish will appear in this Sunday’s bulletin. During June he will speak at all Masses. For the Solemnity of the Body of

Christ (Corpus Christi) on June 22 Msgr. Dempsey will preside & Frank will preach. The procession will take place at the conclusion of Mass. A reception will follow in O'Gara.

On Sunday, June 29, I will preside at that 10am mass. I'll speak at the announcement time at the 5pm & the 8am masses. The 11:45 Mass will be cancelled. A reception will take place in O'Gara as I transition from the role of Administrator to Weekend Assistant.

6. Ministry Reports

- a. Men's Club – Mike Wodarczyk – 38 attended the NCAA watch party. \$1,587 was donated to Most Blessed Trinity. Next year, they'd like to include the Women's Group in this event.

13 men attended their retreat in April. Next year it will take place in late March.

- b. Women's Group – Peggy Gaier - \$6,300 was sent to East Lake Academy from Trivia Night. \$885 will be given to our parish from the 50/50 raffle at the St. Patrick party.

Our spring luncheon is on Friday, May 16, at Conway Farms Golf Club, with Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson as our speaker. Reservations are due online by Monday, May 12.

The WG bd. will meet in June to plan next year's programs.

- c. Religious Education – Pat Plodzeen -1st Communion went well. Confirmation will take place this Sunday, May 18.

The summer week program with St. Mary's is going well.

- d. Domestic Abuse/Violence Ministry – Pat Moorhead – they met last year with Lake Forest Police social worker & may meet again this year.

- e. Sacred Trust Group – Pat Moorhead – no report

- f. Baptisms – Ramiro Roman – 3 families are registered for the Baptism class on June 7, 2-4pm.

7. New Business

We would like to have a framed picture of Fr. Jerry hung up at St. Patrick to honor his great contribution to our parish. Peggy Gaier made the motion for this, & Ramiro Roman 2nd. All were in favor & motion passed.

Peggy Gaier suggested that an article be run in the bulletin describing what the 4 gold figures stand for on the ends of our new crucifix in church. Fr. Jerry agreed to write this.

It was suggested by a few parishioners to install a handrail for the steps in front of the altar to help anyone who needs it in stepping up or down the steps, but Vatican II doesn't want anything in front of the altar to obstruct the view. We do have a handrail on the side of the altar.

8. Next Meeting Date: Monday, June 9;
9. Suggestion Box – Pat McCaskey -no suggestions
10. Closing Prayer – Mike Wodarczyk

June opening prayer – Peggy Gaier

Closing prayer - Pat Plodzeen

Respectfully submitted by: Peggy Gaier