St. Paul's Pastoral Council Meeting
7 July 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. with a prayer by Fr. Raul.

Our Mission and Vision Statements were read together by all present

I. Attendance:

Fr. Raul for Fr. Osman – Pastor	Jim Schiffler — Liturgy Coord
Kent McCormack – President	Mike Burks — Maintenance
Margaret Carlson – Secretary	Kit Tyler – Liturgical Decorator

Absent:

Brett Kerspilo — CRE.	Chad Hook —- Booster Chair
Barbara Balbo — Women's Gp	Ava-Marie Papillon / Andrè Papillon — Music

II. **Pastor's Comments**:

A. Corpus Christi Sunday and Eucharistic Procession - 7 June 2026. There was good amount of participation. Lesson learned—the canopy or "baldachin" was a little low during the procession—train the carriers to maintain appropriate hight during the procession.

B. Bilingual Holy Mass Celebrated by Bishop Rhoades and Parish Picnic—14 June 2026. The celebration went really good. The only thing was the picnic was not as good as we would like, because the weather a lot of people were there, but they were leaving very fast because it was so cold.

C. Confirmation Mass — 19 June 2026. Five confirmed from St. Paul and Forty-two (42) altogether confirmed between St. Paul, St. Anthony, & St. Joseph. The Kights of Columbus will make sure that all children will receive the same gift in the future.

D. Solemnity of St. Paul Mass and Polish Dinner — 27 June 2026. Ninety-two (92) people served, great event. Cost boosters $2K — donations were collected and we received $1,083.

E. The Synod — The committee will come together again in the fall of 2026.

F. Renovation of the new reception area at St. Anthony — A projected two week project. Re-route and streamline access to the office.

G. New Pastoral Assistant for St. Anthony and St. Paul — Jessica Jones. We welcome her to her new position. Two main duties she will be responsible for are: 1). Administrator for Ministry Scheduler Pro , 2). Point of contact for all Mass announcements.

III. **Old Business**:

A. Outreach program: Early Summer will be a good time to start the registration/re-registration process. Registrations Cards are placed in pews and ask everyone to re-register or register if new members. There is also also had a QR code for registration in the bulletin that you can scan to registered or to re-register. Our Outreach letter was past around for signatures.

B. One-hundred (centennial) year anniversary at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. the fun run is no longer a fun run…It's now going to be bingo night instead.

C. St. Paul's Feast Day Event—27 June 2026. That turned out really well and we look forward to doing this event next year as well.

D. Plaque for the Franciscan Friars—The plaque for the founding Friars was placed on the right side of the exterior was as you walk up the stairs to the main Chapel doors. Looks great!

E. Annual Baby Bottle Drive—Month of May. Total collection were $5,651.

G. Increase Family Events—No new discussion.

H. Summer Mass Schedule—Is in full swing and it seems to be going well. Saturday nights are still not enough people to open the community room area.

I. High School Graduation Mass—No participants from St. Paul community.

IV. **Religious Education/Faith Formation**: Need catechists for upcoming Religious Education year.

V. **Committee Reports**:

A. Boosters: Everything is going well. Our next big event will be our rib roast in Sept.

B. Maintenance: Possible office renovation for St. Paul area in the future—more info to follow.

C. Liturgical Decorator: Plenty of flowers for the rest of summer. Karen and Josephina have been very helpful. The statue of Mary will not be placed in front of podium next May so the Lector and the Priest can be seen at the ambo. Suggest placing the statue on the right side of the Chapel.

D. Women's Group: No report.

E. Men's Group: Men's group is continuing on Last Mondays of the month. Listening to Fr. Mike Schmitz's homilies "Made for Worship" series and there has been around 10 men at the meetings. New lessons on using the Bible Project—intro to each of the Old and New Testament books will be discussed.

F. Liturgical Coordinator: Usher training has been completed. Training booklets will be reviewed for other liturgical ministries. The new albs are being ordered once the sizes are confirmed. Also, a new baptismal pitcher and sprinkler (aspergillum) will be replaced. We have some additional new corporals and purificators so that we can finally purge some of the cotton synthetic blends that just don't absorb the correct way and aren't liturgically correct. They are

supposed to be made from linen. New albs are needed—Boosters will help split the cost. The girls will have a white robe with a black scapular over it. The boys or men will be wearing black cassocks with white surplices.

VI. **New Business:**

A. Youth Ministry Jellystone Waterpark —11 July 2026. Not happening at Jellystone Waterpark—new location trying to be found.

B. Hispanic Ministry Religious Article Sale at St. Anthony—11 & 12 July 2026. Articles will be for sale following Masses.

C. Fr. Jorge's 30 Birthday Celebration (9 August 2026) - Cupcakes will be provided.

D. Upcoming Events:

1. Rummage Sale - 15-18 July 2026 at St. Anthony.
2. Spanish Retreat for Married Couples

VII. Other: Fr. Raul asked to please speak with congregation of proper ways to receive Holy Communion prior to them coming up to the Altar.

The meeting closed with prayer by Fr. Raul and concluded at 6:55 P.M.

Next meeting: 1 September 2026, 6:00 P.M.