

St. Paul's Pastoral Council Meeting
5 May 2026

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

Our Mission and Vision Statements were read together by all present

I. Attendance:

Fr. Osman – Pastor

Kent McCormack – President

Margaret Carlson – Secretary

Jim Schiffler — Liturgy Coord

Chad Hook — Booster Chair

Barbara Balbo — Women's Gp

Kit Tyler – Liturgical Decorator

Absent:

Brett Kerspilo — CRE.

Mike Burks – Maintenance

Ava-Marie Papillon / Andrè Papillon — Music

II. Pastor's Comments:

A. Taking of the Habit - 15 April 2026—Fr. Osman commented on his gratitude for donations, help and large attendance at the Taking of Habit celebration.

B. Priest duties were realigned by Fr. Osman and changes were discussed. Copies of the new priests duties were available to council members.

C. New revised weekday summer schedules for all three priests were passed out to committee members.

D. The Synod—14 Jun 2026, Bishop Rhodes will go over the suggested non-doctrinal changes/concerns aggregated from our Synod breakouts. This fall there will be a meeting with official delegates from all Fort Wayne Diocese parishes. The main focus will be how to present the gospel teachings in our current world. It will take approximately one year to launch the full report.

E. Easter Season, “How Goes It?” - Easter celebrations is going well. Great attendance during the Triduum leading into Easter.

F. New OCIA Coordinator - Zander Atwood was announced as the new OCIA coordinator for St. Anthony/St. Paul.

III. Old Business:

A. Outreach program: Early Summer will be a good time to start the registration/re-registration process. Registrations Cards will be placed in pews and ask everyone to re-register or register if new members. Outreach letter was read to members and approved by the council to send to individuals/families who no-longer attend Mass at St. Paul's Chapel.

B. One-hundred (centennial) year anniversary at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. Bishop Rhodes will come to St. Anthony's to celebrate Mass, at 10:00 A.M., on June 14 and after Mass there will be a parish picnic. There are sign up sheets for volunteers to help in the

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community room for the Parish Picnic, Fun Run, Agape Dinner, and Parish Directory. It was confirmed that our St. Paul directory will be included with St. Anthony's.

C. St. Paul's Feast Day Event—The Feast of St. Paul will be celebrated, 27 June 2026, with Mass at, 5:00 P.M., and a Polish dinner to follow provided by Mary Zeman's family. RSVP will be requested expecting around 100-125 people. The boosters are helping with door prizes and provide tickets. Fr. Asked that we have a display of St. Paul somewhere in the community room for this event—Kit will work on that.

D. Plaque for the Franciscan Friars—The plaque for the founding Friars will definitely go up this Spring. Fr. Osman will determine where the plaque will be placed.

E. Boxes of Joy - Kent will check with Katie and Waltke, Business Manager, St. Anthony, and Kathy Vranna, Altar & Rosary Society, and/or Susie Snyder on the Boxes of Joy program and the current shipping issues.

G. Increase Family Events—Discussed having trivia or bingo at next parish events.

IV. Religious Education/Faith Formation: All went well for our 2025-2026 school year. Grateful for guidance and foundation that Therese Shiffler provided for religious education. Also, big thanks our catechist: Karen Raszka, Erin Marshall, Caitlyn Yeager, and Lisa Otterbein for their dedicated service to our youth. All students were told to help with the upcoming celebration on, 7 June 2026, Corpus Christi — Hopefully, there will be a great turnout. Lastly, Our three Confirmation students are ready for, 19 June 2026, Sacrament of Confirmation Mass. We discussed having a Confirmation cake the following week of Confirmation to recognize St. Paul's confirmandi.

V. Committee Reports:

A. Boosters: No senior applicants for the scholarship were received. During Corpus Christi procession we will provide drinks.

Upcoming activities

1. Corpus Christi Procession - (7 June 2026)
2. St. Anthony/St. Paul Mass with Bishop Rhodes & Parish Picnic (14 June 2026)
3. Feast of St. Paul Mass & Polish Dinner (27 June 2026)
4. Albs: Fr. Osman is narrowing down and choosing new Albs to purchase.

B. Maintenance: No report

C. Liturgical Decorator: Receiving a lot of help on decorating. We want to acquire more Easter decorations going forward.

D. Women's Group: Will add new baby cards to the women's group mission.

E. Garden Ministry: Thankfully Judy Moser worked on the flower beds and they are looking good.

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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.

F. Liturgical Coordinator: On Sunday, 17 May 2026, there will be usher training here at St. Paul's after the 9:00 A.M. Mass.

VI. New Business:

A. Corpus Christi Mass with Procession and Lunch — Box lunches provided by Bon Appetite this year again. We will have a RSVP go out via bulletin and e-bulletin for head count. Boosters agreed to supply drinks for the procession.

B. Anniversary of St. Paul Chapel - Question was asked if we do anything to acknowledge St. Paul Chapel on it's anniversary each year or wait for 90th of 100th anniversary to celebrate. The council decided to wait until the 90th anniversary to celebrate, so not to conflict with St. Anthony's anniversary celebration this year. (Katie)

C. Safe Environment Reminder - The email that was sent by Katie Waltke, Business Manager for St. Anthony/St. Paul, was discussed—"Please ensure that activities with minors follow the two-adult rule whenever possible. Avoid being alone with a child or young person in a closed or isolated setting. Meetings and activities should take place in open, visible areas such as rooms with windows or doors left open so that interactions remain observable. (The Altar Server room door in the Work Sacristy should remain open when there are children present)". All members were asked to read the email for further information and awareness to keep our environment safe.

D. Annual Baby Bottle Drive - (Month of May): Donations will support: Women's Care Center Northeast, Indiana; Compassion Pregnancy Center Northeast Indiana; Christ Child Society; and St. Vincent de Paul Society. Table in the community room is set up with bottles and more information.

E. Fr. Osman's 10 Anniversary & Birthday Celebration (31 May 2026) - Cupcakes will be provided.

F. Summer Mass Schedule — Begins the weekend of 23 & 24 May 2026.

G. Upcoming Events:

1. High School Senior Graduation Mass at St. Anthony - 31 May 2026
2. "We Praise Thee" Sacred Music at St. Anthony - 18 May 2026 @ 7:00 P.M.
3. Rummage Sale Collection Starts - 22 June 2026

VII. Other: Franciscan of Mary's School of Gratitude is targeted for St. Paul Chapel in September 2026. More to follow leading up to this timeframe.

The meeting closed with prayer by Kent McCormack and concluded at 7:20 P.M.

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Next meeting: 7 Jul 2026, 6:00 P.M.