

**St. Paul's Pastoral Council Meeting
4 November 2025**

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 and will be read before each meeting.

I. Attendance:

Fr. Osman – Pastor
Kent McCormack – President
Margaret Carlson – Secretary

Gp

Mike Burks – Maintenance
Kit Tyler – Liturgical Decorator

Absent:

Brett Kerspilo — CRE
Chad Hook — Booster Chair
Barbara Balbo — Women's

Jim Schiffler — Liturgy Coord

II. Pastor's Comments:

A. The Annual Bishop Appeal was discussed and St. Paul is behind its goal. Mike mentioned that the Bishop's Appeal has not been heard from at the pulpit by a lay person explaining the importance of it as we had in the past. Also, we have not seen a video from the Bishop addressing the Appeal, nor has there been pledge cards and pencils out in the pews, as we have seen before. Fr. Osman will ask Katie to send a letter to parishioners who have not pledged yet and we will increase our announcements to the parishioners.

B. Fr. Osman mentioned that there will possibly be a video message by the Bishop for the up-coming Synod in January, 2026.

C. Our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner went well. Everyone's response to the Mexican food was overwhelming positive and we decided to plan on Mexican cuisine for next years Appreciation Dinner.

D. The Oratory of St. Carlos Acutis will open, November 7, 2025 following Mass and refreshments will be served. Key FOBs will be available to parishioners for 24/7 access. Parishioners will need to apply for a Key FOB at the St. Anthony's Parish Office and Fr. Osman will be the final approval authority. Lost or misplaced key, the parishioner will be responsible to pay for the replacement cost.

III. Old Buisness:

A. Donut Sunday: Is in full swing with Jim and Nancy Behnke volunteering to pick up the donuts at Meijer in Angola. Mike confirmed with Meijer the orders and pick up days.

1. A volunteer list is available and is being filled weekly.
2. A large sign for donations or a pull down style is no longer necessary, the basket that is always put out on the counter works and the donations we receive cover most, if not all, of the cost of the donuts.
3. Donut announcements are being made in a timely manner.

B. Outreach program: We have a current list of approximately 147 registered members.

1. Audit list: On January 6, 2026 this council will review the current list and attempt to validate names or remove names of parishioners who no longer attend St. Paul's

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Chapel. Note: Fr. Osman will be on vacation during this meeting. He will be here for the March 3, 2026 meeting and we should be able to give him updates.

2. Register and/or Re-register members—using registration cards and/or QR code will be decided after our January 6, 2026 meeting.

3. A group or committee will need to help office staff—Pastoral Council will review the list and help office staff.

C. The mission statement has been added to St. Paul's website front page.

D. Respect for Life Month—October: Thanks to Joanna McCormack and all who helped for placing the near 100 crosses for the unborn babies in our parish yard.

IV. Religious Education/Faith Formation: No report

V. Committee Reports:

A. Boosters: Upcoming activities

1. Christmas Decorating on December 21, 2025

2. Epiphany celebration will be held on January 4, 2026. Bingo will be played.

3. Fish Fry: Friday—6 February 2026, Friday—20 February 2026. 5:00-7:00

PM. No menu changes and price will be the same as last year, most likely.

4. Albs: Fr. Osman is narrowing down choosing the new Albs.

B. Maintenance: Mike and Chris Pierson trimmed the bushes and turned off the water to the sprinkling system. The closets need to be cleaned out and a notice will be posted near the furnace to keep the area clear of boxes etc. Father wants to learn exactly what the rules and limitations are with the diocese for parishioners volunteering to perform maintenance (climbing ladders, fixing electrical issues, plumbing, etc..) on the ladders etc.

C. Liturgical Decorator: No report

D. Women's Group: Reported a successful Women's baby shower that supported the Compassion Pregnancy Center. Raised \$510.00 and donated diapers, clothing, and other miscellaneous baby items to the center.

E. Garden Ministry: No Longer on Council

F. Men's Group:

1. The men's group has started a six week series by Fr. Mike Schmidt on Worship. It was a good meeting and the men seem positive about the series.

2. Mike wanted to make sure St. Vincent De Paul is included in the announcements on our thanksgiving basket collection. Approximately 10 baskets will be distributed to families.

G. Liturgical Coordinator: New leaders positions—Altar Servers—Steve Otterbein; Lectors—Kent McCormack; Rosary—Holly Leucuta.

1. Ministry Scheduler Pro App:

a. Accepting a requested sub is now automatic and no longer requires

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manual approval.

b. Working with volunteers to ask and accept substitutions or open service times, either on the MSP website or mobile app only. No more activity outside of the system

i. Ensures that the priest and Mass Coordinator have an accurate record of who to expect for ministries at the Mass they are assigned.

2. Diocesan Synod Plan:

a. Introduce the overall plan to the parish on the weekend of January 25th and February 1, 2026

b. Synod consultation/listening event for all parishioners will be held

i. at St. Anthony of Padua Church

ii. February 28, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

iii. Includes St. Anthony, St. Joseph, and St. Paul

iv. Will develop a list of facilitators and notetakers for this event

3. Altar Server vestments

a. Finalizing costs with the diocese and Fr. Raúl

b. Will present final plan to Fr. Osman late Nov./early Dec.

VI. New Business:

A. Thanksgiving Food Drive—16 November 2025

B. St. Paul's Feast—27 June 2026: We are combining Mary Zeman's Polish family dinner with this event— will need to be confirmed for polish dinner night. Mike will check on it.

C. Nativity Set-up: The high school students will be asked if they could help setting up the Nativity this year.

D. Plaque for the Franciscan Friars: The Franciscan plaque is still in the garage after three years. It needs to be decided where to place it outdoors.

E. Family Events: We will plan more events for families More family events—bingo on Booster's Epiphany event will be a good start.

VII. Other: No Other Items

The meeting closed with holding hands in prayer and concluded at 7:06 P.M.

Next meeting: 6 January 2026, 6:00 P.M.