

St. Gabriel Parish

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting

May 26, 2026 | 7:00 – 8:30 pm | Board Room

Present: Fr. Brian Wideman, Christopher Wautlet, Jen Whaley, Michael Burr,
Barbara Bodenhagen, Tom Klinkhammer, Jessica Anderson, Mary Koslowski, Julie Klein
Excused: Keith Gilbertson

Minutes:

1. 7:00-7:02 Opening Prayer – Father Brian
2. 7:02-7:05 Review and approval of April, 2026 Minutes – Approved
3. 7:05-7:06 Introductions of any visitors – No visitors
4. 7:06-7:12 Note any additions to the agenda – Add e and f to #7
Old and Current Business
5. 7:12-7:30 Parish Pastoral Planning Updates – Father Brian will discuss with the
staff at tomorrow's meeting.
6. 7:30-7:40 Review/Discuss Pastoral Council purpose (see Diocesan guidelines)
What is the purpose of Parish Pastoral Council? Most items are handled
by the staff. Two main committees Council is linked to are Human
Concerns and Eucharistic Committee. We basically give council on parish
needs. We are the eyes and ears of the parish, concerned with the events
outside of the standard/daily items. We need to clarify our purpose,
what are the spiritual and physical needs of our parishioners and then
share with Father Brian.

New Business

7. 7:40-8:10 Parish Committee Updates
 - a. Human Concerns – see Michael Jerger's report
 - b. Evangelization – see Sara VanFrachen's report
 - c. Faith Formation – see Tina Peirick's report
 - d. Finance Council – see Karen Rappl's minutes
 - e. Vision Committee – Recent meeting discussed removing pew
cushions. Suggestion to try taking them out all together or
possibly only have them in the handicapped pews.
 - f. Eucharistic Committee – Discussed the route for Eucharistic.
Procession on June 7th.
8. 8:10-8:15 Review May Staff meeting notes – Discussed new Neenah/Menasha
Youth Minister position shared by the 5 parishes. Talked about a possible

solution for a less confusing confession line.

9. 8:15-8:20 Updates to Restarting an annual parish picnic (Fall Fest?)

Useful for community-building, evangelization, and budgetary reasons
- Looking for possible committee chair people

10. 8:25-8:29 Any Action Items and Next Meeting _____

Ideas for new members to fill Tom Klinkhammer and Mary Koslowski positions as their term is up in June. We need diversification – public school parent, senior member, member of Hispanic community, college age person, young married person/no children, advisory high school student.

Next meeting date – June 23rd, no July meeting and August 25th

11. 8:29-8:30 Closing Prayer and Adjournment - Father Brian