

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2026

Attending

Fr. Ernest, Katie Johnson, Melissa Pakurar, Arlene Masters, Cathy Jones, Tom Bahr, Alex Clark, Chris Colohan, Erin Drumm, Lois Ann Guschke, Joyce Navary, Chit Peters, Melisa Phillingane, David Martin (parishioner, Knights of Columbus), Pat Clement (parishioner, Pathways to a Thriving Parish)

Absent

John Thompson

Arlene Masters led the group in the opening prayer.

Soup Supper

Parish Council and OCIA will host the Lenten Soup Supper on Wednesday, March 25.

K of C "Consecration to the Holy Family" Update

David previously presented an opportunity for "Concentration to the Holy Family". This program, developed by the Knights of Columbus as a way of deepening Catholic faith and strengthening family values, is a personal devotion and individual choice. David will return for the November 2026 meeting to coordinate this with the Feast of the Holy Family between Christmas and New Year's.

Pathways to a Thriving Parish Update

Pat Clement updated us on the Pathways program. The team has been trained to guide the parish in developing a mindset of pausing and intentionally asking the Holy Spirit to guide our next steps. A prayer was presented with the idea of adding it after the Prayers of the Faithful. Pat will incorporate the changes that were suggested. Council was on board with the prayer pending Fr. Ernest's approval. Two weekends ago, Pat spoke at all Masses outlining upcoming opportunities for all St. Ann parishioners to take part in hearing about and discerning the way forward in the areas of Community, Worship, Word, and Service. Dates are set beginning during Lent through Pentecost, and the team is also willing to accommodate other groups that may wish to meet outside of the planned times. Pat requested full support from Parish Council members during these sessions.

Mission Statement

We delayed addressing our mission statement. Fr. Ernest suggested that the St. Ann Mission Statement be developed with the synodality approach and guidance by the Holy Spirit.

Holy Water Fonts

Arlene reported that the holy water fonts have arrived and are awaiting installation.

Stewardship

Katie reported that the Stewardship workshop/retreat she attended at the beginning of February was excellent. We are in the process of forming a stewardship committee at St. Ann.

Improvements to Hallway Entry into Condon Hall

Melisa Phillingane is working to improve the look of the hallway into Condon Hall. It has been recently professionally painted along with the sanctuary. The thermal pane windows in the hallway, however, are old and some have lost their seal, making them look cloudy or dirty. Melisa brought in a sample of a thermal window cling as an option for covering the windows as well as adding some color to the area. She also mentioned a cushion for the bench. There has been some discussion about adding a glass cabinet for that space to display some of the artifacts from the St. Ann centennial. Mike Phillingane

(who has offered to build the cabinet) will meet with Melissa Pakurar to go over measurements and determine what will fit in that space.

New Stations of the Cross

Melissa Pakurar will provide Stations of the Cross samples of various styles available for discussion at the next meeting.

Suggestion Box

All submitted suggestions/questions were reviewed. Those with contact information will be addressed with the original submitter.

Closing

Fr. Ernest led the group in closing prayer.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2026.