

Welcoming all to encounter Jesus, grow as disciples, reach out in faith and service.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Minutes
Thursday, November 6th, 2025 @ 19:00

Attendance:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fr. Greg Roth | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stephen Arugay – Year 3 (possible Final) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fr. Prosper Abotsi | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brett Berry – Year 1 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heather Hickey - Staff | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bev Canaday – Year 3 (final) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kirk Haan (Chair) Year 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Bronwynn Cutts – Year 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TBA (Vice Chair) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Devyn Hucul – Year 1 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dean Schmidt (Past Chair) Year 4 (possible Final) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don Griffith – Year 6 (Final) |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Jayne Lozada – Year 3 (possible Final) |

Meeting opened at 7:07pm

Introduction:

1. Opening prayer and discussion.
John 2:13-22: Jesus cleansing the Temple
2. Approval of previous meeting minutes and matters arising from minutes.
Motion to approve October's minutes by Fr Greg and seconded by Bev.
3. Agenda review and approval.
Dean requested that question Children's Liturgy and Cov Care be added to the agenda.
Dean requested to follow up about the ambulance at 5pm Mass on Nov 1st.
Motion to approve November's amended agenda by Dean and seconded by Fr Greg

Main goal(s):

1. Parish-wide succession planning and information gathering update.
Kirk made announcements at all weekend Masses to encourage people to complete forms.
Only nine completed forms. Kirk will reach out to groups individually and then compile information to share with PPC.
2. Planning of the ministry information evening.
Possibility of connecting the event with Lent (connection of giving Time-Treasure-Talent)
Fr Greg suggested early Lent (end of February/beginning of March)
Opportunity to help ministries meet and support each other.
Brett suggested combining it with a Lenten Friday meal. Decision to book Friday, February 27th as the meeting date.
Jayne mentioned not feeling welcome or part of the team when serving at Mass. Noted that people aren't always very friendly.
Kirk suggested retraining or large group gatherings to help connect those who serve.

3. Vice Chair selection.

3-year commitment. Includes attending the finance council meeting. Between Devyn and Brett, there are only two who are available for the position.

Brett suggested they share the role as co-vice chairs to divide the workload and become accustomed to the responsibilities of chair.

Decision to vote for chair via anonymous ballot.

Brett was voted in as vice chair by a 5-3 vote. One person abstained from voting.

Smaller goal(s):

4. More longitudinal involvement of PPC with the finance council.

Vice chair and chair to attend the Finance Council meetings (3-4 times a year)

5. Loose collection for Christmas Masses – idea generation to be decided at the December meeting. Make known to parishioners beforehand. (Fr. Greg idea: St. Mary's Parish).

Bronwynn suggested via email Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation (same as Holy Thursday)

Fr Greg suggested St Mary's as the need is great, especially with their warm-up shelter opening up.

Don suggested Sanctum. He feels like giving to a charity that is anti-abortion and saved children should be a top priority.

Action Item: Kirk will send an email with the full list of possible charities, and we will vote at the December meeting.

6. Mass Times inquiry (Brett).

Bringing forward a conversation/concern with a parishioner about having Mass times that are complementary to other parishes in the city.

Fr. Greg noted that it is tough to move Mass times. He will bring it to other priests in the deanery to see if there are gaps and if there is a need.

For specialty Mass times (Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday) would be a good discussion.

Action Item: Fr Greg will look into Mass times with other priests to see if there are gaps in Mass times.

Question about why Latin Mass parts are no longer used at 7pm. Kirk explained that they are trying out new Mass parts but keeping Latin for Advent and Lent. The 7pm Mass has been working to keep that Mass contemplative. When Kirk coordinates music, he usually selects Latin Mass parts.

7. Chapel Adoration (Devyn).

Bringing forward a conversation/concern with a parishioner about moving Adoration back to the main parish. They find it crowded in the evening and difficult to determine who is in line for Confession during the time of confession (7-9 pm).

Fr. Greg explained that the chapel creates a more intimate space for Adoration during the day especially when there are only a few people.

Action Item: Fr Greg will begin the practice of moving Adoration to the main sanctuary area from 7-9pm.

Fr Prosper suggested that we should have two confessionals for the size of the parish we have.

8. Extra business arising.

a. . Update: Ambulance at 5pm Mass on Nov 1st. A parishioner fainted during Mass, and an ambulance was called. Dean suggested we need to keep the fire lane clear as people often park in that area.

Action Item: Fr. Greg will reach out to Paula Fortier (who helped the person who fainted) to follow up about the ambulance.

b. Children's Liturgy and Cov Care should be added to the agenda.
There is supposed to be at least 1 adult with a Criminal Record check.

Action Item: Heather will talk to Hannah (Children's Ministry coordinator) before our next meeting to discuss what the general protocol is for Children's Liturgy volunteers.

c. Mass Volunteers

Suggestion to reduce Welcomers at 5 pm to two instead of four, so that they aren't asked so often. Parishioners are experiencing burnout from being asked so often. It would be good to explain the need. Suggestion to leave spots vacant as a "natural consequence" for not having enough volunteers. For 11am Mass, for example, to reduce the number of volunteers getting double-shifted.

Update(s):

9. Parish website updates – please update ASAP if relevant changes are to be made.

10. Christmas Hamper Collection help.

The team has met this week. Applications will be available starting now. They will be accepting 50 hamper applications again this year. There will be opportunities to deliver and assemble later in December.

11. Sanctuary space.

No updates. Fr. Greg needs to meet with the committee.

Closing

12. Action items review

Review action items above from the meeting.

Kirk, Brett, and Dean will meet to plan the next meeting.

13. Closing Prayer

14. Next meeting Thursday, December 4th @ 19:00 (at the rectory)

15. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm

Mass Attendance Info

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	861	924		376	655	702	673
February	841	934		502	623	815	622
March	938	726		517	717	758	766
April	1061			663	788	820	873
May	925			533	736	757	690
June	895			542	656	716	742
July	762		372	461	514	611	660
August	762		441	462	576	651	698
September	857		461	483	684	756	788
October	966		421	591	695	712	737
November	934		469	596	726	663	
December	944		517	816	747	694	
Average	895	861	447	545	676	721	725

2025	
5pm	179
9am	223
11am	222
7pm	103

