



ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mission Statement:

As friends and followers of Jesus,
we are devoted to fostering households and communities of faith
through the mission and ministry of the Catholic Church.

Parish Pastoral Council

Thursday, September 18, 2025 – 6:30 pm – Room 104-105-106

Minutes

Attendees:

Andrew Prust, Ben Sanderfoot, Jackie Trebiatowski, Kelsey Bahr, Rick Panske, Tracy Slagter

Trustees: Ed Jeziorny

Staff: Fr. Tom, Fr. Ben

Excused: Dave Hetzel, John Kubasta, Kathy Sarri

Opening Prayer – Lectio Divina –

Approval of 8/21/25 Minutes and Additions to the Agenda

Reclaiming Sunday as the Lord's Day – discussion

1. How did we mark Sunday when we were children?

Jackie: There were less games and when there was, they were later. Easter was a special day, now we have tournaments.

Ben: Mass followed by Grandma's

Ben and Kelsey both are in school districts that have Good Friday and Easter Monday off.

Fr. Ben: Much less Christian world which changes Sunday. Sunday wasn't that different.

Tracy: Sundays weren't different days and now I work all day. Even Easter Sunday is not enjoyable.

Jackie and Kelsey: emphasized the value of being at Mass since it's the only time we have undivided time with our kids even on the way to/from.

2. How are we doing that today?

Outside of Mass it's hard not to work since Sunday Scaries set in with worry about the upcoming week.

3. What are some ways we (as individuals, as a family) could do better in keeping holy the Lord's Day?

Fr. Tom: Go away, far enough to not be distracted, take a walk and renew ourselves spiritually.

4. How can we help fellow parishioners keep Sunday for God, family, and renewing rest?

It starts with attending Mass. Those who believe in the Eucharist don't leave.

Tracy: Sometimes attending Mass can be difficult with all the disruptions, music, talking, etc. So it's easy to sympathize with those who connect with nature.

Other Ideas:

Read: Slowing down to the speed of joy and Sunday's can be mini retreats

Inviting others to Mass – Engaging People in the Community - discussion

1. How can we engage people who no longer come to Mass?
2. How can we encourage people to return to Mass?

Jackie: Compare old Directory to New Directory – reach out to those who we know are here for why they may not be more involved?

Fr. Tom with Fr. Ben went through those 20 – 39 with an outreach.

Deacon Greg also analyzed the Baptism families.

Ben: Connect with other young couples. Then there's the question of where to meet? Content of the meeting?

Ben: Mini Parish event (i.e. corn roast)

Fr. Tom: Look for concentrations of parishioners and have an event at a nearby park

Fr Ben: It's all tied together, we are too busy to reach out to others before Mass but we are too busy so we don't make these necessary connections.

Fr Ben: Mentioned outreach to married couples.

Rick and Ben: TMIY, CFM, other event which leads to Mass.

NEW Parish Council Member

Madison Eytheson will be joining the Council.

Question for Annual Parish Meeting

Past questions: Who would be good mentors? What brings you to Mass?

Ideas:

What keeps you coming back?

How would you like to grow in your faith?

What are you grateful for that our Parish did for you?

What would you be doing if you weren't part of this faith community?

Donation for Adoration Chapel

\$100,000 was approved by the Finance Council. This was approved the Parish Council as well. We are open to parishioners offering matching funds.

Directory

Encourage others to submit picture.

Closing Prayer

Next meetings:

Tuesday, October 28 – 6 pm – Annual Parish Meeting

Late November or early December planning with Parish Staff

No December meeting

No January meeting

Thursday, February 19, 2026

No March meeting

Thursday, April 16

May 19 or 21, 2026 – Joint Meeting with Finance Council

No June meeting