



● St. Sebastian Parish Council

Meeting Agenda

8/28/2025

In attendance: Mark, Symon, Terry, Tony, Katy, Brian, Andrew, Carrie, Tom, Shannon, Chris

Excused: Barb

7:00 – 7:05 pm

Welcome and Opening Prayer (Andrew)

7:05 – 7:15 pm

Father Valencheck's Update

- The posture at mass after receiving communion. There are 2 moments of attention, when one returns from communion and when the congregation may sit after communion. Congregation may stand, kneel, or sit (if need be) and we will follow the posture used at our Cathedral to sit once the Blessed Sacrament is reposed in the tabernacle. This will be detailed more in our upcoming bulletin.
- As our grounds have become more beautified we see more visitors walking our grounds. Father has asked the council members to come up with ideas on how we can find friendly ways to expand evangelizing opportunities with our visitors. This will be discussed more in our upcoming meeting.
- The recent Minnesota tragedy was discussed to determine what vulnerabilities our Parish School may have as well as our Parish masses. Discussions included armed police, current drills, and areas where we may be more vulnerable. More discussions will take place with school staff and local officials to determine next steps.
- Currently looking for a full time youth minister, and a part time young adults minister.

7:15 – 7:25 pm

Father Marcelli's Update

- Following the tragedy in Minnesota, Father Marcelli wants everyone to know that the Priests are available to talk with students, staff, and parishioners if needed.
- Also to be attentive around the grounds, if you see something that is not normal, say something.
- Sept 20 Men's Breakfast father will be the speaker.

7:25 – 7:35 pm

New Business

- Handicap Parking Spaces – too few (Terry)
 - The parish previously has done several studies to determine the current parking spaces. This will be brought to the staff meeting to determine if there may be any alternatives.
- Desire for Campus Minister (Terry)

- o This was discussed to be included with the youth ministers responsibilities. We are currently taking applications for a full time youth minister.
- Safety Concerns (Tom)
 - o This was discussed in Father Valenchecks update.
- Knights of Columbus – Missalettes (Tony)
 - o The Knights will be providing financial assistance for the new missalettes.

7:35 – 8:00 pm

Old Business

- Alpha Dinner Commitment – Date?
 - o Parish Council committed to the first Alpha meeting in October. We will use our September council meeting to tie up loose ends.

8:00 – 8:20 pm

Pulse of the Parish/Commission Reports

8:20 – 8:30 pm

Compline (Andrew)

Photos for new members

Next Meeting:

September 25, 7:00-8:30 pm

St. Sebastian Rectory

Prayer and Compline – Carrie