St. Paul Parish Pastoral Council Agenda
October 8, 2026 – 6:30 p.m. at St. John XXIII, Cedar Rapids

1. **Call to Order** by Father Nick March;

2. **Opening Prayer** by Father Nick March;

3. Father addressed the seven pastoral councils together before the individual parish meetings began. He identified the following priority items for which he requested assistance from the pastorate councils.:
    a. Need someone to collect the offerings after Saturday evening Mass in Norway and deliver to the Van Horne office on Monday morning;
    b. Need one person/couple to do basic Baptism classes for newly expecting parents;
    c. Need two married couples to meet with newly engaged couples as part of marriage preparation classes;
    d. Need participants/volunteers from all seven parishes for the five committees: Liturgy, Stewardship, Pastorate Life (formerly Parish Life, Evangelization (formerly Faith Formation), Faith in Action (formerly Social Concerns);
    e. Need additional people to be a part of the Financial Commission;
    f. Archdiocese survey due October 25;
    g. All seven parishes will have a Christmas Eve or Christmas day Mass; schedule to be determined;
    h. Meeting Minutes get emailed to Jaci Chambers at Van Horne office.

4. **Roll Call**: Doug McDonald, Jessie Cooksley, Christine McGovern

5. **Absent**: Jason Urell, Cheree Wheeler

6. **Approval of May 20, 2026, Minutes**:
    a. Motion by Doug McDonald
    b. Seconded by Jessie Cooksley

7. **Old Business**
    a. End of Era Celebration. Occurred as planned on June 27, 2026;
    b. Mass schedule suggestions. Mass schedules have been determined and are currently in place.

8. **New Business**
    a. **Chair election**: Jason Urell;
    b. **Secretary election**: Christine McGovern;
    c. **Rite to Life Collection w/Knights of Columbus**: N/A, no Sunday Mass at St. Paul;
    d. **Church Walk**: N/A. A description of this event was not known to members present. It was assumed this was the Christmas Walk as had been done in past years. Since decorating of churches for Christmas needs to be after 3rd Sunday of

Advent, it was decided that there was no time between then and Christmas for this event to occur.

e. **Boiler**. Doug provided quote for replacing blower as opposed to buying new boiler. The quote for the blower was $2,111.00. A new boiler would cost approx. $13,000. Discussed with Father. Motion by Christine to replace blower; Second by Jessie;
f. **Janitor**: Finance Council approval is needed for the salary associated with this position. A list of janitorial duties will be obtained from Jaci, and the job opening may be advertised in the bulletin;
g. **St. Paul Christmas Decorating**: Needed as a Mass will be held at St. Paul's. Scheduled for Thurs., December 10, at 6:00 p.m.
    i. It was decided to make this a social event/holiday party as having people stay after Mass is no longer an option. Party to include food and drinks. Jessie will create invitation. Further details to be determined.
h. **St. Paul Social Events**: Suggestion by Jessie to host occasional social gatherings to help bring St. Paul parishioners together as members no longer see one another weekly due to attending different Masses. Suggestions included Bingo, game nights, Cork & Canvas paintings, murder mystery, or puzzle competitions.

Father closed meeting with prayer.

Next Meeting: January 14, 2027, at 6:30 p.m., at St. John XXIII, Cedar Rapids.

Respectfully submitted: Christine McGovern