

9/25/25

Newman Parish Council Meeting

- Josh Campbell, Fr. Dan Merz, Suzanne Hemmann, Caroline Chicoine,
- Len Bruzzese, Mike Johnson, Brian Allen

1. Council Leadership

a. Changing meeting dates?

- i. Call for a few more members
- ii. We are currently at 6 or 7
- iii. October meeting changed to October 22nd, 5:45-7:15 pm

2. Parish Mission Update

3. Fr. Dan Report

a. Board changes

b. Staffing changes

i. Maintenance staff resigned

- 1. Hired Jeff Fike
- 2. Full-time - (shifting Atkins and snow removal to fill his plate)

ii. Paul (adult faith formation) resigned

- 1. 10/7 last day
- 2. New role
 - a. Started a quarterly new parishioner event
 - b. Training for new committee, volunteers

iii. Shelly Vandergrif - Dir. Service and Justice

- 1. Directing people to ways to get involved here and in the community
- 2. Newman Cares day 10/18 - work day 8am to noon. Jobs people in community need.
 - a. Similar for young youth as well

c. Roof and Solar panels

- i. Date not selected yet, but working with roofers and neighbors so as little displacement as possible.
- ii. Funds on deposit with diocese requested to pay for solar. Loan will be provided in November.
- iii. Solar panel target date of January.

- iv. Undergoing parish fundraiser for solar and asking for major campaign exemption, reducing amount owed to diocese for amount raised.
- d. Adjacent property update
 - i. Purchased by owners of TODD. Request to purchase our parking lot was rejected.
- e. Catholic Stewardship Renewal - coming up in October.
 - i. Stewardship chair had to step down.
 - ii. Looking for lay witness statements
- f. St. J Womens and Health center
 - i. Looking to set it up as 501c3 under diocese.
 - ii. May ask for diocese loan for funding
 - iii. Have targeted three full time staff
 - iv. Targeting 2026 as launch
- g. Change to chapel for Relic - working on art, coming at end of 25