

The Pastoral Council of St. Paul Catholic Newman Center

Mission:

The mission of the Pastoral Council is to support the mission and vision of St. Paul Catholic Newman Center.

Purpose of the Pastoral Council:

- **Priorities and Planning:** To determine priorities and develop strategic plans with a vision for the future of our university parish.
- **Implementation:** To support the Parish Life Coordinator (PLC), parish, and parish staff by providing Strategic Plans to meet the parish mission.
- **Involvement:** To explore ways of involving parishioners and university parish staff in the work of the university parish.
- **Shared Planning:** To enable as many people as possible to contribute to the process of strategic planning in the parish.

Areas of Focus:

- Parish Community Building
- Faith Formation
- Hospitality/ Fellowship

2024-2025 Fruits:

- Pastoral Council Guidelines adopted.
- Three main focus areas: Parish Community Building, Hospitality/Welcoming, Faith Formation.
- Pastoral Council Suggestion Box.
- Religious Education (RE) regular meetings with teachers and DRE.
- RE teachers doing certification classes.
- Huge recruitment through Ministry Fairs (lots of new teachers).
- Scheduled Ministry Fairs each year.
- Help with special needs in FFF.
- New HS Confirmation Team approach.
- Children Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) established and successful (9:30 Mass).
- Contact List of Ministry Leaders formalized.

2025-2026 Fruits:

- Relaunched International Food Festival & Craft Fair.
- Ministry leadership meetings launched August 2026.
- Listening sessions started with each ministry & PC.
- Merged Ministry Fair & Welcome Weekend into a larger, joint event.
- New Young Adult Confirmation team approach.
- Faith, Family, & Friends evaluated and adjusted to better meet community needs.
- Plans to relaunch Mardi Gras dinner have begun for 2028 with Knights of Columbus.

More information about the work of the Pastoral Council can be found on our website:

