

St. Thomas Aquinas, Indianapolis
Parish Council Meeting June 2, 2026
Meeting Minutes

- Meeting called to order at 7:06pm (Patrick Price)
- Opening Prayer – led by Fr. Varghese
- Roll Call
 - Present (in-person): Fr. Varghese, Karla Hudecek, Patrick Price, Geoff Ziegler, Fred Chandler, Sheila Brown, Nancy Stark, Evelyn Ridley-Turner, Mary Rice
 - Present (virtual/Zoom): Carissa Cartwright, (Teresa Reynolds),
 - Absent: Jim Trippi, Chris Durnil, Sonya Chevigny, Mary Catharine Grau, Lauryn Klitzman, John Sobotowski
- Approval of minutes from April 2026 meeting
 - Draft Minutes were prepared, previously shared and ready for approval.
 - Minutes were approved via consensus, as formatted.
- Comments from pastor (Fr. Varghese):
 - School year just completed; continuing to tie up some loose ends
 - Novena Mass upcoming tomorrow (Thursday, June 3)
- Comments from pastoral associate (Karla Hudecek)
 - VBS should be a great time (June 15-19); may need some back-up assistance. Stay tuned for sign-up to assist.
- Finance Committee (John Sobotowski)
 - Discussion on Finance Committee messaging to ensure tithing messaging is consistent and aligned for school families & non-school families, especially with upcoming school year.
- STA Strategic Plan
 - PC reviewed an additional, updated Draft version of this document following the late April listening sessions. Discussion ensued.
 - Plan was approved via consensus, with the updates included.
- Commission Reports (cont.)
 - Spiritual Growth (Fred Chandler):
 - Report shared and available for review.
 - Thank you to Julie Sherer for EM leadership. Thank you to Evelyn for stepping into this role.
 - Stewardship (Geoff Ziegler)
 - Report shared and available for review. No additional comments.
 - Community Engagement (Nancy Stark):
 - Report shared and available for review.
 - STA School (Mary Catharine Grau):
 - Nothing for discussion.
 - Dialogue, Truth, Faith (Jim Trippi)
 - Nothing for discussion.
- Buildings & Grounds (Chris Durnil)
 - Nothing for discussion.
- Additional Items of Interest:
 - Identify PC membership needs and potential for any new members, including the need for an election. More information to come following investigation.
- Ending Prayer – led by Fr. Varghese

- Adjourned at 8:18pm.
- Future Meetings: 7-8:30 pm (unless otherwise noted):
 - August 4 / October 6 / December 1