Parish Council Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2026

1. Chairperson Kristal Schaefer called the meeting to order
2. Attendees: Kristal Schaefer, Deacon Matt Levy, Jill Halligan, Phyllis Avesing, Ed Kocal (via phone), Ray Harre, Mary Nelson, Wendy Schnack (via phone), Shirley Schmidt, Chris Rubley, Bob Brus (via phone), Pat Becker, Mike Moellenbeck and Janine Stevens on behalf of Brenda Todd

3. Opening Prayer: Led by Deacon Matt

   As thirty minutes of Adoration will continue to be made available before the Parish Council Meetings in the Chapel, of which all members are invited and encouraged to attend, Deacon Matt will also begin each Parish Council meeting with a brief Lectio Divina exercise. This meeting's examination was from the Wisdom of Saint Augustine: "Christians do not constitute a house of God unless they are cemented together by love. If the beams of wood and stones of this church were not joined to one another in a definite pattern, if they were not peacefully intertwined, if they did not by mutual attachment in a certain sense, "love" one another, no one would dare to put a foot inside."

4. Previous Minutes Reviewed: Ray Harre motioned to accept minutes. Mary Nelson second. Kristal asked for vote. All ayes. No nays. Motion carried.
5. Committee Reports

   5.1 Parish-at-Large: Bob Brus
   - Nothing to report.

   5.2 Parish-at-Large: Kristal Schafer
   - Discussion regarding new reporting format-Committees are to email their report to Jill a week prior to Parish Council meeting so she can make a pdf file and email to all council members for their review prior to next meeting.

   5.3 Building and Grounds-Reported by Ed Kocal, Chairperson
   - Nothing to report.

   5.4 Faith Formation – Reported by Janine Stevens
   - Informal meeting held on December 17, 2025 while wrapping books for Christmas Mass give away.
   - Discussion regarding Darin Wernke scholarship policy and procedures for faith-based retreats which Parishioners could attend.
   - Kristal reported that Brenda Todd has resigned from Faith Formation Committee and Parish Council. Kristal noted a thank you to Brenda for all she has done and contributed to the Parish in the past. And that it was greatly appreciated.

   5.5 Justice and Prayer-Reported by Ray Harre, Chairperson
   - Next meeting will be held January 25, 2026

   5.6 Christian Services-Reported by Mary Nelson
   - Churches United dinner served approx. 70 people on Jan 09, 2026.

- Next Food Pantry will be Jan 20, 2026.

5.7 Mary's Angels-Reported by Wendy Schnack, Chairperson

- Meeting was held on Jan 5, 2026 with very low attendance.
- Discussion regarding changing the day and/or time of Mary's Angels meetings.
- Discussion regarding checkbook and remaining money.
- Discussion regarding Fall Craft Show.
- Mission statement with new guidelines to be discussed and voted on during February meeting.
- Shirley Schmidt was nominated and voted for Secretary.

5.8 Welcoming-Pat Becker

- No new members to report

5.9 Worship and Prayer-Reported by Shirley Schmidt, Chairperson

- No Meeting in December 2025, so nothing to report

5.10 Phyllis Avesing reported on Religious Education nights

- 5th session was held the 1st Wednesday of January. The topic was the Bible.
- Janine asked about whether all the families had a bible, maybe a follow-up as a gift idea or maybe checkout one of our used Bibles that are available.

5.11 Knights of Columbus-Reported by Chris Rubley, Grand Knight

- Meeting held on Monday January 12, 2026
- Added 3 new members since the last meeting: Roy Smith, Dean Martens and Bill Carlough
- Matt Carlson going for his 3rd degree
- Received the Columbia award for ministries performed
- Knights of Columbus members will perform all Mass ministries on Feb 1, 2026 with the absence of Deacon Matt, Jill and Phyllis (attending CEW)
- Knights of Columbus meeting time will change to 6:00pm from 7:00pm
- Jill nominated the Caldwell family for the next "Family of the Month", along with the Kurtz family to follow for the next award

5.12 Finance Report-Reported by Mike Moellenbeck, Chairperson

Fiscal Year 2025/26 (6-month Financials)

- Total revenue including all sources is $139,919 which is $18,069 ahead of the 6-month budget of $121,850. Total income budget for the year is $243,700.
- Total expenses year-to-date are $103,056 which is within the year-to-date budget of $120,950 by $17,894. Total expenditures for the year are budgeted at $241,900.
- After 6 months, year-to-date income is $36,863 versus the year-end total budget of $1,800.

1. Revenue Breakdown

Ordinary income envelope collections are $84,383 year to date versus the 6-month budget of $102,500. This is under budget year to date by $18,177. Offertory collections are $2,890 versus $3,500 year to date budget. For the year ordinary income is on pace to come up short of budget by $45,000. The key drivers to total revenue are Investment and Bequests which includes interest income of $7,308 ($2,692 down from budget), unrestricted memorials of $8,770 ($6,270 over budget) and unrealized gains on investments of $33,267.

2. Expense Breakdown

Year-to-date Administration Expense is $77,251 compared to the 6-month budget of $92,500. Under budget by $15,249. Minimal expenses in Building Maintenance/Repair and Extraordinary Repairs/Expenses accounts for $14,001 of the $15,249 through 6 months. At the current pace Administrative Expense would be $31,000 under budget, but again over 6 months expenses for repairs has been minimal. No major deviations from budget in all other areas of expense.

3. ADA Summary

Our ADA goal for 2025/26 is $24,669 of which we have $29,546 pledged or 120% of the goal as of 1/7/26. Of the pledged amount we collected $19,426 or 69.5%.

For 2024/25 our ADA goal was $26,307 of which we had $30,234 pledged. We have collected the overage of $3,927.

6. Old Business

7. New Business
    - Kneeler quote has been received and the Corporate Resolution has been submitted. Majority of the kneelers will be paid for from our balance of the Upon the Rock Campaign.
    - New carpet samples and fabric swatches for chair re-upholstery have been received. 3 color schemes will be presented to Parishioners for all to vote on their preferred color scheme. Majority vote will select the new color scheme.
    - Three St Joseph statue pictures were presented to the Parish Council for their vote on which one will be placed next to Mary on the Altar. Two families have made donations to cover the cost of this statue.
    - Large dollar bequeathment had been received during October, 2025 to cover the cost of the new carpet.
    - Motion from Council to proceed with all projects discussed: New Carpet, Kneelers, Tabernacle, Reupholster Chairs and St Joseph statue. Mary Nelson made the motion. Ray Harre seconded. All ayes. No nays. Motion carried.

- Voted on St Joseph statue: Statue #308 was majority vote 6 to 2. Shirley Schmidt made a motion for #308 and Ray Harre seconded. All ayes. No nays. Motion carried.
- Kristal noted that 3rd and 4th Grades have Class Mass this weekend.
- Ed Kocal made a comment regarding and update on the directory: Do we include new Parishioners and do we delete the Parishioners whom have left the Parish?

Ray Harre made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mary Nelson seconded. All members present voted in favor, and there were no votes against.

Deacon Matt closed with a prayer

Next meeting is scheduled for 6:00pm February 11, 2026. Adoration will be from 5:30-6:00pm