

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – November 13, 2025
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

The November Parish Council Meeting was called to order by President Stephanie Hornung at 8:00pm and the council opened with prayer. 10 members were present, as well as Father John and Jenny Schmidt. The minutes of the September Parish Council Meeting were read by Tonya Hubbell. Nancy Ackerman moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Nathan Stein seconded. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Fr. John received his final gift from the Parish for his 25th Anniversary—an engraved chalice with case.
- A thank you note was read from Fr. John for the celebration that was held in September and all the gifts and cards he received.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Church and Community Affairs Committee: 4 members met.

- The Committee put together thank-you notes for donors for the Soup Supper.
- They served approximately 290 people and raised around \$5,000 during the Soup Supper.
- They served a funeral dinner in October for 56 people.
- They are preparing next year's guild lists.

Faith Formation Committee: 2 members met

- They are looking at continuing the next season of The Chosen during Lent, starting in February to finish before Easter.
- They are discussing holding a men's retreat in late winter/early spring.

Finance Committee: 3 members met

- The committee discussed the year-end donations and bonuses. The usual donations go to Manna House, Crisis Center, Friendship Feast, and the school and city for unpaid lunches and bills. They welcome any input on charitable giving for the Christmas season.

September 2025 Balances

General Checking:	\$ 198,958.47
Cemetery Fund:	\$ 37,784.24
Memorial Account:	\$ 48,020.44
Savings/Diocese:	\$ 202,524.61
Total Funds:	\$ 487,287.76

October 2025 Balances

General Checking:	\$ 196,211.11
Cemetery Fund:	\$ 37,784.24
Memorial Account:	\$ 51,880.44
Savings/Diocese:	\$ 203,274.61
Total Funds:	\$ 489,150.40

Liturgy Committee: Met via text.

- The committee will change out books and decorate for Advent on Sunday, November 23rd at 6 pm.

Property Committee: Met via text.

- After reviewing three different estimates, the committee suggests the council accept the bid for the parish center air conditioner unit from Foster Refrigeration for \$9500.

Youth Committee: Did not meet.

-The Committee is STILL looking for 3 members. If anyone wants to get involved, please reach out to Jess Halling.

-Operation Christmas Child donations are due on November 19th and the committee will get the boxes packed and sent off.

OLD BUSINESS:

-No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Frank Mages made a motion to replace an air conditioner unit at the Parish Center with Foster Fridgeration for \$9,500. Barb Mages seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

-Parish Council agreed for Jess Halling to start cleaning the church when Lena Gleason moves. She will take on alternating weeks with Jenny and Hudson Schmidt starting after Thanksgiving.

-There is a Girl Scouts Troop starting up in Spearville and they've asked to utilize the Oak Room for a meeting space each week. The Council agreed this would be fine as long as the property is respected and left in good condition each week.

FATHER'S REPORT:

-Father thanks Nancy Ackerman, Karla Gleason, and the Mages family for preparing the food for the deanery meeting in September.

-The last Sunday of the liturgical year is November 23rd with *Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*. Father will expose the blessed sacrament after Sunday's Mass and we will have adoration until 6 PM. Father will be available for confession from 5-5:45pm and will end with benediction and evening prayer.

-The 1st Sunday of Advent is November 30th.

-December 8th is the Holy Day of Obligation of the Immaculate Conception. We will celebrate the vigil Mass on Sunday, December 7th at 7 PM. He will have 8:30am Mass on Monday, December 8th at Parkview.

-December 24th, we will have Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at 7 PM. Christmas Day Mass will be at 9 AM.

December 26th, Fr. Will have 8:30am Mass at Parkview.

-For the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, we will have the Vigil Mass on December 31st at 7 PM.

-Bishop John has put out a Litany and Surrender Prayers for the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese. We will get these prayers put out in pews to pray together as a Parish. Bishop also asks families to remember to include a Hail Mary before meals for the increase of vocations in our diocese.

-As part of the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese, we will have a celebration on Saturday, August 29th for the Passion and Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist.

-Father would like the Vocations Ministry Committee to set up a meeting.

President Hornung called for a motion to adjourn. Barb Mages motioned; Nancy Ackerman seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm. Father John led the group in prayer.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday, December 4th, beginning at 7:45 with word-working.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Schmidt

Parish Secretary

(Minutes are unofficial until read and corrected.)