

ACC Parish Council Minutes
Thursday, November 20, 2025

PRESENT: Abram Silbernagel, Andrew Hinrichs, Mike Rengel, Karla Schermerhorn, Father Alan Wielinski, John Schmidt and Maria Stokka, Dini Schauff, Joel Myhre, Cathy Wilde

OPENING PRAYER: All things New prayer led by Father Alan

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made by Abram Silbernagel. Seconded by Cathy Wilde

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Motion made by Diane Aschnewitz. Seconded by Cathy Wilde

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) OLV progress update: Office area is working on completing the drywall, plumbing, carpet, etc. The doors and cabinets have been ordered. The goal is to move back into the office by February 1. Blessing of the new church space will take place on December 8. The Bell Tower is currently on hold but will move forward in the spring after the office is complete.
- 2) My Parish App: Diane will reach out to Emily, adding her as administrator and transfer the weekly upload of pastoral comments and bulletin to the office staff. Set up a meeting with Diane, Joel, Emily and Fr Alan.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) All Things New Update: Meeting with Joe T after Thanksgiving. The goals are to continue to streamline the process, move to merge all parishes into one corporation. At this time, nothing will change with the Mass schedule but will be looked at again when a priest leaves or retires. A plan does need to be submitted to the Bishop by January 1.
- 2) Safety Committee: Abram reported that a meeting was recently held with the ushers. With the support of the bishop, the church doors will be locked during school Mass. No changes at this time for weekend Masses. Discussion was had regarding what other area churches have in place for security, with one parish providing their security job description. Going forward, there will be an invitation for interested individuals to receive further training, with the goal of creating a safety team for the parish. Ushers and those interested in safety awareness will also be invited to attend.

REPORTS

- 1) **ACC Business Report:** Report written by Joel was reviewed. Each Parish is doing well. YTD ACC Budget report was reviewed. Cathy motioned to approve, Abram seconded. Office staff update, Peter Steinbach resigned; Emily Schmidt was hired. Emily is currently working on updating an active parish list. OLV also installed an Assistive Listening System.
- 2) **YOUTH MINISTRY:** No report provided

PARISH LIFE UPDATES:

OLV: Fall festival went well. A Mass was held on 9/25 for Suicide Prevention. Dec 8 Mass with the Bishop, blessing of the new church facility.

St. Elizabeth: Successful turkey bingo and dinner. Upcoming Holiday expo on 11/22/25

Pelican Rapids: Roast Beef dinner was a success

DISCUSSIONS/PASTOR COMMENTS:

Father updated the Thanksgiving and Christmas Mass schedules

Father reiterated Pope Leo's and Bishop Patrick's message on immigration and a reminder to have compassion to all.

The All Things New planning process is complex and is striving to be a voice of reason for all parishes.

CLOSING PRAYER GIVEN BY:: Father Alan

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 15, 2026 at St Elizabeth

Meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of odd numbered months.

Respectfully Submitted: Diane Aschnewitz

Approved 1.29.26