

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – July 9, 2025

In attendance – Father Michael, Deacon Eric, Deacon Ken, Jim Carey, Linda Garner, Duc Nguyen, Steve Hunter, Maria Lopez, Meg Maas, Pat & Lenice Nagle, Jared Houchin, Wynona Vaz

June Minutes were approved.

Review of Action Items – Father Michael will continue to consider speakers. The Evangelization Committee has some suggestions for him to review. Father has written letters to the Bishop and his office of our potential boundary land sale project and our need for roof replacement. A bulletin announcement has been featured in our bulletin about the Parish Council Jubilee Year prayer initiative. It has been confirmed that Isabelle Essex was accepted into the Carmelites and we have given her the money from the tithe that we had set aside.

Fall Soup Suppers – The idea was suggested that we consider having slightly more elaborate refreshments once in a while in the PCC after the Sunday morning Mass (only) to assist in this need for more fellowship opportunities. Instead of cookies, we could have some sort of pastry and fruit in addition to coffee and lemonade. Having it in the hall could encourage families to stay longer and give kids the space to run around. Could be great to tie in with Name Tag Sundays (“Name Tag Sunday Social”). The next Name Tag Sunday is August 24th and that coincides with Elizabeth Ministry’s Pack a Picnic event. So that Sunday may not be ideal. This idea will continue to be pursued outside of the Parish Council.

Jubilee Year Initiative – Meg – Meg handed out prayer intention cards to council members pertaining to our parish Jubilee Year prayer initiative at our last meeting. Council members received cards with intentions that will rotate in three cycles. Cycle 2 begins in August. Thank you for the support of this event.

Jubilee Year of Hope Mass Honoring Youth – Scheduled at St. Paul’s Cathedral for August 5th at 5pm. Father would like our parish to have a presence at this Mass.

****ACTION ITEM: Father Michael will place an announcement in the bulletin advertising the Jubilee Year of Hope Mass Honoring Youth as a Diocesan event encouraging anyone, especially young people and families to carpool to this event.**

Report on Projects - Deacon Ken – Project list is an attachment to these minutes.

Tithe – \$2,000.00 June 2025

Connor Howard – Will be a student missionary for a Belize Mission with SOLT. Needs to raise \$7,500 by end of July: \$500.00

Pro-Life Coalition of Central Washington: \$500.00

Catholic Charities USA (Texas flood relief): \$1,000.00

Round the Table –

Father Michael: Big thank you to Meg and Nick Maas and all those who assisted with the Corpus Christi procession. Everything was well thought out and was very successful. Consider the procession at the 4pm Saturday Mass next year since we did the 9:30am last year.

Big thank you to Deacon Eric, Charlotte Shaber, and Trish Feeny for successful liturgical minister training sessions. We had good attendance, new people, and new ministers are already operating in their new ministries. There is a plan for commissioning of all ministers in the month of August.

Ice Cream Social after the Water Follies? Yes! Aug 9-10 after Masses

Jim: Sonny Trenti has noted a lot of new faces at the Sunday morning Mass. How do we recognize these people and get to know them? Something to consider.

Pat and Lenice: Name tags for the new ministers are now done.

Duc: We donated part of our tithe to Blue Dragon and Soul Soup last month and they sent us a letter thanking us for our donation.

Deacon Eric: We are getting new lanyards for liturgical ministers.

Jared: Steubenville NW is this weekend. 20 youth and chaperones will attend this event at the Davenport. Camp Breakaway is also coming up. Sign Ups will continue until July 16th.

Next summer, Life Teen is planning to attend Life Teen summer camp sponsored by the Life Teen organization. Cost will be \$1,500 for airfare and everything per attendee. Fundraising will occur during the year. The first event is a Casino Night scheduled for October.

Youth Masses with young people covering the liturgical roles are in the works for the coming year.

Wynona: The Young Adult group has a series of events coming up in the fall involving Father Michael, all the Deacons and several parishioners from the parish. Events will be primarily Tuesdays at 6:15 in the month of September. Details will be forthcoming and detailed in the bulletin.

Overall Action Items:

****ACTION ITEM: Father Michael will consider potential speakers for our parish Retreat/Mission/Event.**

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Next Meeting: Aug 13th, 2025 at 6pm

July 9th, 2025, Projects list

1. The roof of the church – We are waiting for the Bishop's office to respond to Father's letter.
2. Painting of church exterior doors. Wall to Wall Painting is coming July 10th to give us estimates on painting the church exterior doors (in white) and the office buildings as well as all the red / burgundy on the church exterior.
3. Still waiting for Riggle Plumbing for a resolution on the back doors at both office buildings A and B. Once we are sure that this issue is resolved, I will get the damaged sheet rock replaced.
4. As of today, the new directory is about three weeks until we have the finished product, maybe sooner.
5. Fencing project, we are now waiting on a response from the Bishop's office.
6. Doug Rich from the diocese is not only in charge of diocesan schools, but also has a background in commercial real estate. As every parish is expected to have a plan for the future per the Bishop, Doug came out last week, as a courtesy, and did an inspection of our buildings and property. He was very pleased with his assessment and stated in his report that our property is in good shape, with major items regularly inspected and maintained. The only exception was the roof issues, which we are already working to resolve. I have already started working on the more important items from his list.
7. Father is working on a lease agreement for our renters.