

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – August 13, 2025

In attendance – Father Michael, Deacon Ken, Jim Carey, Linda Garner, Steve Hunter, Meg Maas, Shelly Bohrmann, Pat Nagle, Wynona Vaz

### **July Minutes were approved.**

**Review of Action Items** – A speaker for the mission has been selected. Father has received word back from the Bishop and his office in regard to our potential boundary land sale project and our need for roof replacement. This will be discussed during the projects list.

**Jubilee Year Initiative – Meg** – Meg handed out Cycle 2 prayer intention cards to council members pertaining to our parish Jubilee Year prayer initiative. Thank you for the support of this initiative and for praying very intentionally for these people and ministries.

**Parish Mission** – A speaker has been selected for our next Parish Mission. The speaker is Father Tony Ricard who is a diocesan priest from New Orleans. He is also the chaplain for the New Orleans Saints and an all boys school. He is scheduled to arrive on the April 18 or 19, 2026 to speak specifically to the Life Teen/Edge students after the 5pm Mass on April 19<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to this presentation. He will then offer talks for the entire congregation on April 20-21. Before leaving on April 22, he will offer a retreat for the parish office staff.

**Edge Coordinator** – We are seeking an Edge Coordinator for the upcoming school year for students in Grade 6, 7, 8. Danielle May will stay on during a transition period ending at the end of September. Reach out to Father if you have any suggestions on candidates.

**Parish Directory** – Available for distribution to participants this weekend. Any remaining copies will be offered for sale after all participants have received their copies.

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

### **Tithe – \$1351.15 July 2025**

The only Catholic Church in Gaza was bombed on July 17<sup>th</sup>. In recent times, the church had become a shelter for people of all faiths, ages, and abilities. The parish priest, Father Romanelli is a priest of the Institute of the Incarnate Word.

The Missionaries of Charity have been serving this region for over 50 years. In December 2023, their convent was rendered uninhabitable by bombing. We will split the tithe between these two entities as a way of rendering humanitarian aid directly to the source.

Father Romanelli/The Church of the Nativity: \$676.15  
Missionaries of Charity in Bethlehem: \$675.00

### **Round the Table –**

**Father Michael:** We had a great turnout at the Jubilee Year of Hope Mass Honoring Youth.

Will be having surgery in Seattle on Aug 21<sup>st</sup>. Considering provisions for the Saturday Vigil Mass on Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> if needed, but will see how things play out. Will reach out if help is required.

**Wynona:** The Young Adult group has a series of events coming up in the fall and we would love participation from everyone. The first event is Sept 9<sup>th</sup> in Room 6/8. Events will be primarily Tuesdays at 6:15 in the month of September. Details are in the bulletin and on the website.

Hope Medical is sponsoring an event with Dr. Haywood Robinson who is a former abortionist turned Pro-Life activist. Event will be Oct 16, 2025 at 6pm at Bethel in Richland. Reach out to Wynona or see the bulletin for more information.

**Pat:** Hosted a dinner for the Stewardship Committee in thanks for the Parish Celebration.

Is there a way we can reach out to new people in the parish or make sure that people are registered? Registration is super important as it allows us to do a variety of things like know if we can verify parishioners for St. Joseph's school registration or help parishioners who have been admitted to any of the local hospitals, etc.

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**Meg:** At the end of July there was a daily Mass Prayers of the Faithful intention about "praying for the seeds of new ministries." Would be great to include that during weekend Masses.

**\*\*ACTION ITEM: Father Michael will incorporate the Prayers of the Faithful intention that Meg has recommended during weekend Mass.**

**Shelly:** Would be wise if we all remain aware of our surroundings and of any suspicious situations or people on our campus during Mass and events.

Overall Action Items:

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**Next Meeting: September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6pm**

## **August 13, 2025, Projects list**

1. The roof of the church – We have received approval from the Bishop's office. We are now waiting on responses for bid requests from 3 different roofing companies. When those have been received, we need to provide the Bishop's office with our choice and the reasoning behind our selection.
2. Painting of church exterior doors. Wall to Wall Painting has given us an estimate on painting the church exterior doors (in white) and the office buildings as well as all the red/burgundy on the church exterior. We are now waiting on a bid from Smile a Mile. Wall to Wall has said they will beat any bid we receive.
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, we will get the damaged sheet rock replaced.
4. New Gutters have been installed on the office and Building B. The gutters on the PCC and Church have been cleaned.
5. New directories will be distributed this coming weekend. Any remaining after the participants have received their copies will be sold.
6. Fencing project was approved by the Bishop's office. They did remind us that any documents/purchase and sale agreement (for the strip of land)/drawings showing the change in boundary need to be approved by the Pastoral Center. Father is still considering how to approach this project. However, our neighbor had originally agreed to pay for all of the paperwork needed to facilitate the sale of the land and anything else. Steve is willing to assist Father through this process as needed.
7. Father is working on a lease agreement for our renters.
8. Damaged ceiling tiles in the church will need to be replaced or a new false ceiling put up in those areas. So far, all the roofing companies have said that is not something that they do.