PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – September 9, 2026

In attendance - Father Michael, Deacon Ken, Shelly Bohrmann, Jim Carey, Linda Garner, Jared Hourchin, Steve Hunter, Meg Maas, Pat and Lenice Nagle, Duc Nguyen, Wynona Vaz

Guest: Bob Baemmert

**June minutes were approved.**

**Review of Action Items –** No action items to review.

**Parish Annual Budget – Bob Baemmert –** The reports were prepared for the July meeting, but we did not end up meeting due to Father Michael's health. Since the new fiscal year started, we have experienced a couple of hurdles with Father Michael being out sick for a while and with our bookkeeper Bianca Medina leaving her position. We now have Heejung Chung as our new bookkeeper. She seems great so far! She has just finished training as a bookkeeper but is very sharp and will learn her job quickly.

As of September 3, 2026 –
Checking Balance: $ 176,138.38
Diocesan Savings Account: CRP Savings - $1,215,075.91 FICA Savings - $300,683.15
The Profit and Loss statement for the last fiscal year showed a total income well above the budgeted amount and total expenses were well below budget. We had a 6.9% increase in Sunday Income, which drives the entire budget and caused us to be in an extremely good financial position to end the year.

This year's proposed budget: The year has started off strong. Most of the budgeted accounts assume a 4% cost of living adjustment. Ministries have received the funds that they requested to operate for the year. We are in an extremely fortunate financial position given how much is going to be spent toward all of our restoration efforts in the coming months. The Parish Council recommended that Father Michael approve the budget.

**Called to Serve Retreat –** Wynona presented on behalf of the Evangelization Committee. The group is planning a one-day retreat aimed toward current parish leadership and their key people. All parishioners are welcome, especially those interested in serving in a ministry in some capacity. The retreat is scheduled for November 14, 2026 in the PCC, with Adoration in the church. There will be 4 talks lead by leaders from the parish. Signs up will happen soon and we will begin advertising in the bulletin and with ministry leads. We hope to repeat this retreat in the spring.

**Liturgical Ministries Group –** Jared is finishing this up. No longer requires Parish Council attention .

**Connecting the church and PCC parking lot -** This item will be revisited after all the restoration work on the church has been completed.

**Report on Projects - Deacon Ken -** Starting on Monday, the carpet in the church vestibule and halls will be removed and the floor leveled before the installation of new carpet. Everything should be cleaned up in time for Father O'Shea's vigil on September 17th. The work will be done in phases, but the church will always be cleaned up in time for the Sunday Masses. The estimated time given is about 2-3 months. Daily Mass and Adoration will most likely be moved to the PCC. Live streaming will be put on hold. Reconciliation on Tuesdays may have to be moved or cancelled. Parish staff will

do their best to keep everyone apprised of changes as they occur. Everyone is requested to be flexible and understanding as we attempt to continue to hold events and activities during the restoration.

We are still missing one cap for the ceiling roof and so we are withholding partial payment to the roofing company until that project is completed. The cap has to be manufactured out of state, and so there have been some obstacles.

New concrete steps were poured at the parish office. However, the reinstallation of the office hand rails is on hold pending an update from concrete company.

**FOR REFERENCE**
Project Priorities: 1. Reconstruction from the rain damage in church (all damage plus the carpet in vestibule/hallways, then the carpet in the visible areas in the Sanctuary, and then all other carpeted areas) 2. Property wall (off of the field) 3. Church floor replacement 4. Outdoor lighting to illuminate the field for youth activities 5. Linking the east front of the church with the PCC parking lot 6. Expansion on the PCC (due to congregation growth)

**NOTE ON FUTURE PROJECTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS (Retaining for the future)**
The sidewalk project – Discussion continued on the possibilities for this project. Deacon Mike suggested a larger vision of beautifying the "side" or West entrance to create a second "main entrance" concept. Possible targets for improvement are the AC unit fenced area, the courtyard, upgrading the entrance doors, a curved sidewalk along the PCC parking lot. Jim and Terrance Casey measured the distance between the curb and the electrical box and determined that we could still have a side walk. If we do a larger beautification project and alter the side entrance structure of the building, will that trigger code compliance? Something costly to consider. Continued prayer and investigation of possibilities is needed. Project is tabled until further notice.

**Tithe – We don't have a total tithe number due training our new bookkeeper. Estimating a total tithe of $5,000 for the months of June, July, August.**

Connor Howard – SOLT Mission to Belize teaching high school: $1000.00
Catholic Charities of Washington for Spokane fire relief: $2,000.00
Catholic Relief Services: $2,000.000 in total – $1,000.00 for Nepal/Tibet, $1,000.00 CRS general fund

**Round the Table –**

**Linda:** The parish rummage sale occurring tomorrow and Friday. It is now known as the Treasure Boutique.

**Jared:** Youth Programs went really well this summer. 8 youth and 4 chaperones attended Life Teen camp right outside of San Diego. Everyone had a great time. Camp Breakaway also went well. 27 students attended and Father Michael even got to celebrate daily Mass with the participants.

**Pat and Lenice:** Name Tag Sunday - next one is Nov 21/22$^{nd}$ so as not to conflict with Thanksgiving Parish Celebration on the calendar for May 22, 2027

**Wynona:** Hope Medical Banquet celebrating the 10$^{th}$ Anniversary, featuring comedian Shawn Reynolds - Saturday, October 17, 2026 at Calvary Chapel. Tickets now available.
Fall Catholic Education series: Oct 19, Oct 26, and Nov 2. Topics are the Sacrament of Marriage, Annulments/Dissolutions, What it means to be Pro-Life.

**Father Michael:** Energy level is increasing. Finishing up the medicines that were causing him to be super sick. Just going to do periodic imaging to make sure things continue to stay clear.

**Deacon Ken:** Virtus Safe Environment training scheduled for Wed, Sept 16th.
Resurrecting the Thanksgiving Day dinner. If you are interested in helping, reach out to Deacon Ken or Cindy.

**Jim:** Thank you from Columbia Ability Alliance for our donation in June.

## Overall Action Items:

Nothing noted.

## NEXT MEETING: October 14, 2026 at 6pm