

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - October 8, 2025

In attendance - Father Michael, Deacon Ken, Deacon Eric, Deacon Mike, Jim Carey, Pat and Lenice Nagle, Meg Maas, Duc Nguyen, Jared Houchin, Shelly Bohrmann

September minutes were approved.

Review of Action Items - Father Michael to write something in bulletin with regards to the importance of registering with the parish, this is to be carried over. Prayers regarding direction on fence and sidewalk projects.

Report on Convocation – Father Michael –

1. Bishop is planning on promulgating safety policies for parishes and schools. We will be tasked with generating and completing a draft of a safety and security plan for Holy Spirit Parish. The document outlining the process for this is still in the comment process. A template is in the initial phase. On Holy Spirit's part, we have already had an assessment of our facilities by Doug Rich and the write up of his findings are on file. Recommendations for improvements were made, which we are currently pursuing.
2. The theme of the youth, "Building the Young Church in Christ," was also covered. Speakers from L.A. imparted some important insights on Youth/Youth Ministry. Firstly, that the youth of your parish want to know that you love Jesus Christ. The second main point was encouraging youth to accompany and support one another as disciples. "Waste time with youth!" It's not a waste of time it's an investment. Being present with the youth and them with each other is key. Build upon a relationship and create an environment where young people feel welcome. "Obligation" can be a turn off to youth.

Annual Tithe – Jim Carey –

Current set monthly expenditures:

\$400/mo.	FOCUS missionary Jackie Gazewood
\$400/mo.	FOCUS missionary Jeremiah Nguyen
\$400/mo.	Tri-Cities Food Bank
\$400/mo.	Hope Medical
\$300/mo.	Grace Clinic
\$300/mo.	PREPARES
\$2200/mo.	Saint Joseph School

It was decided that these amounts will stay the same. Both FOCUS missionaries will be completing their commitments in June of 2026, and the money allotted to them will be revisited once it becomes available.

Jubilee Year Initiative – Meg Maas

New cards were distributed to pray more specifically and intentionally. This is the 3rd and final “roll-out” of the initiative. All ministries have been represented and a few have been repeated in this last “roll-out”.

Report on Projects – Deacon Ken

Church Roof – Deacon Ken is waiting on a response from the Bishop for the go ahead on this project.

Painting of the Church – Wall to Wall Painting matched and then beat by \$100 the most competitive bid. They are the preferred contractor for the project.

Fencing Project – The Bishop has given permission for this project but it is a lower priority for now.

Gas Company Right of Way Request – This would be a permanent right of way. The Diocesan lawyers need to be involved, but the council recommends moving forward with the process of allowing the right of way.

In response to Linda’s inquiry about what could Holy Spirit benefit from conceding the right of way, the gas company said the benefits would be:

1. Preemptive maintenance on a gas line that our church uses
2. They will give us a one-time compensation of \$1/sq.ft.
3. Ground will be returned to previous state once maintenance is completed

The Parish Council Bulletin Board – It is up in the church.

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. Continued prayer and investigation of possibilities is needed.

Tithe – \$1000 September 2025

This is a working amount while Bianca is gone on maternity leave. The amount can be fine-tuned and adjusted when she returns.

\$600 - Saint Vincent de Paul

\$400 - Yakima Cathedral Capital Campaign

Round the Table –

Deacon Ken: Suggests offering CPR classes in connection with the Bishop's emphasis on safety and security. Parish could sponsor the cost of \$20 per person with a max of 12 people in a class. Multiple classes could be held. Goal of 4 people per Mass who are CPR trained. Father agreed.

Pat Nagle: Asked the council if they should move forward with the Parish celebration again this year. It was agreed that they should. May was suggested as a good month because of the cooler weather.

Meg Maas: Seconded Deacon Mike's ideas for a larger vision of beautification, and added that moving the sign could be part of that. Thank you to Wynona for the Fall lecture series! A wonderful slate of topics.

Shelly Bohrmann: Suggested mirroring a "one Sunday a month concept" from St. Joe's in which any students who attend SJS wear their uniforms and assist with ministries at Mass where possible.

Jared Houchin: Casino Night is October 18th, all ages welcome.

Overall Action Items:

****ACTION ITEM: Deacon Ken will look into what impact a possible curved sidewalk would have on a PUD box in that area.**

****ACTION ITEM: Deacon Ken will let the Gas Company know we would like to move forward and get the paperwork that will need to be sent on to the Bishop and diocesan legal team.**

****ACTION ITEM: The Council Members will continue to pray and investigate possibilities for the sidewalk enhancement/beautification ideas.**

NEXT MEETING: November 12th, 2025 at 6pm