PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – October 14, 2026

In attendance - Father Michael, Deacon Ken, Deacon Eric, Deacon Mike, Shelly Bohrmann, Jim Carey, Jared Hourchin, Meg Maas, Duc Nguyen, Wynona Vaz

September minutes were approved.

Review of Action Items – No action items to review.

Annual Tithe – Jim Carey – The Council discussed the proposed amounts and organizations for our annual tithe. It was decided that we will increase FOCUS missionary Jackie Gazewood to $450/month, up from $400/month. FOCUS missionary Jeremiah Nguyen has finished his time with FOCUS. All of the other charities that we will support will be given $400/month with the exception of our fixed amount for St. Joseph Catholic School.

New monthly tithe expenditures:

$450/mo.	FOCUS missionary Jackie Gazewood
$400/mo.	Tri-Cities Food Bank
$400/mo.	St. Vincent de Paul
$400/mo.	Hope Medical
$400/mo.	Grace Clinic
$400/mo.	PREPARES
$2200/mo.	St. Joseph Catholic School

Report on Projects - Deacon Ken – The last metal cap for the roof is finally with our roofing company, and the plan is for it to be installed on 10/15. This would complete the roofing project from last year.

There have been a few issues coordinating with the various subcontractors that have been hired for our reconstruction project, but the actual work is going well. Several additional items have been added to the work scope since the project commenced. Since the roof is exposed, we have kept 4 of the ceiling speakers, but are getting additional new speakers installed. We are adding a new unit in the sound system in the loft to control the speakers. The wireless mic antenna was found buried in a cabinet in the loft. This likely accounts for a lot of our sound issues. Overall, the project is proceeding nicely.

We are waiting on bids for a better method to secure a handicap parking space sign that keeps getting hit.

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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 – At the last meeting, we estimated a total tithe of $5,000 for the months of June, July, August. This was found to be an overestimation after the final number was determined. The new number of $753.60 today accounts for the overestimated funds. We would have had a little over $1,200.00 for this meeting if we had not overestimated at the last tithe.

Catholic Charities USA for natural disaster relief: $753.60

Round the Table –

Wynona: Called to Serve Retreat – Open to all. Scheduled for November 14, 2026 in the PCC from 7:30am to 3pm. Signs up being held after all Masses for the next couple of weekends.
Fall Catholic Education Series – Starts Monday at 6:15pm in the PCC and runs for 3 weeks.

Father Michael: Would like an assigned leader for the Evangelization Committee on the bulletin cover. Elected Deacon Eric to the post.

Jared: The first Life Night was successful and enjoyed by the students. Can we get a light on the wall that shines down on the fire pit area? The Council discussed some options and solutions. This issue will be resolved as we tackle the fire pit renovation or replacement and fencing projects.

Shelly: Dieter is accepting story ideas for the new Voice of the Spirit edition to be released later this year.

Duc: Thank you from Jeremiah for the donations we made during his 4 years of service to FOCUS.
Soul Soup – 2 teams of 12-15 volunteers per evening. September 23rd had 67 guests and 114 meals provided. October 7th had 40 guests and 71 meals provided.
Blue Dragon – Continues to do great work rescuing victims of trafficking, supporting street children, abuse victims, etc. Our support is very much appreciated.

Overall Action Items:

Nothing noted.

NEXT MEETING: November 11, 2026 at 6pm