

Parish Council Meeting – April 28, 2026 – Meeting called to order by Marc Lindeen 6:36 p.m.

Members present: Father Ross Epping, Barb Brown, Morgan Yoder, Judy Hoover Warning, Marc Lindeen, Karla Maher, Natalie Martin, Adrian Rubey, Doug Slobodnik

Absent: Irma Perez, Brandon Harrison, John Newton,

Opening Prayer: Doug Slobodnik

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes made by Natalie, seconded by Adrian. All in favor. Motion carried.

Pastoral Comments: Father Ross extends this thanks to all who helped with the preparation for the Easter week liturgy.

Committee Reports

- a. **Social Action:** There was no meeting held. Marc reported they received a letter from the Cradle of Hope asking for support through a baby bottle drive. This drive will be held from the weekends Mother's Day to Father's Day. More information will be published in the bulletin as we approach those dates.
- b. **Liturgy:** Natalie reported everything went very well through the Easter liturgies. The council discussed posture during Mass, no conclusion was made.
- c. **Parish Life:** Morgan reported the pricing information for the potential of hosting a movie social at the movie theater. The committee will work on picking a date and lining up details.
- d. **Finance:** Father reported that the church was gifted a property. He will meet with the finance council to discuss future steps taken.
- e. **Faith Formation:** The year will wrap up on Wednesday, May 6. Samuel will be hosting an adult faith formation "The Rescue Project" on Thursday evenings during the months of June and July. We will not be hosting Totus Tuus this summer. Instead, Samuel has planned summer youth nights. There will be separate events for 1st – 6th grade, and 7th – 12th. More information will be provided to families in the coming weeks.
- f. **Building and Grounds:** The committee will be meeting this Thursday evening. Topics to be covered include new lighting, and light fixtures throughout the church to install LED, as well as installing sod in the courtyard. The new flooring has been installed in the Manning Hall wing; the next step will be to replace the carpet in the offices and classrooms. This spring the sidewalks in front of the church will be widened to allow for easier accessibility.
- g. **Hispanic Ministries:** Father shared that a Religious Sister, who lives in Columbus Junctions, has been helping with Spanish Mass. She has also hosted adult faith formation classes for our Hispanic community, as well as altar server training. She hopes to provide classes once per week in the coming future.

Old Business

- a. **Catholic School Information:** Currently, there is not enough interest to move forward. Not enough interest as of right now. Seibus would need a minimum of 6 kids to warrant a trip. If there were enough interest to meet the minimum requirement, families could set up a contract directly with Seibus. The charge would be \$8 per day per student round trip.

New Business

- a. **Parish Council Elections:** Barb reported there will be four seats that will need to be filled. Doug, Maureen and Mary have fulfilled their two 3-year terms. Morgan can run again as this will be the end of her first term. Elections will be during Mass, the weekend of June 13-14.
- b. **Old Threshers:** Karla reported that the sign-ups are ready to go and will be sent out in the coming month. Mass will be 4:00 p.m. Saturday on the grounds. There will be no Saturday evening Mass at the church.
- c. **Senior Breakfast:** Junior parents used to host breakfast for seniors and their families. It has now fallen on the Knights of Columbus. Adrian and Doug will call Junior parents to see if they would be willing to help.
- d. **Graduation Mass:** Mass to recognize our graduating seniors will be held Sunday, May 17.

Next Meeting: May 26 – Adrian will offer the opening prayer and Natalie the closing prayer.

Meeting Adjourned by Marc at 7:25

Respectfully submitted – Morgan Yoder, secretary