

Parish Council Meeting – July 28, 2026 – Meeting called to order by Marc Lindeen 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Father Ross Epping, Morgan Yoder, Judy Hoover Warning, Marc Lindeen, Adrian Rubey, Irma Perez, Karla Maher, Alan Wagner, Barb Brown, Brandon Harrison, David Smith, Lisa Syfert, Natalie Martin,

Guest: Claudia Trevino

Absent: John Newton,

Opening Prayer: Adrian Rubey

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes made by Natalie, seconded by Judy. No further discussion, motion carried.

Committee Reports

- a. **Social Action:** Marc reported the back-to-school drive to benefit the Fellowship Cup went well. The parish collected food items, backpacks, school supplies, as well as monetary donations. New yard flags have arrived to be used during October Right to Life month.
- b. **Worship and Spirituality:** Starting in August, we will have Eucharistic Adoration and Exposition, as well as Confession. This will be on the third and fourth Thursday evening of the month, with a few exceptions during the holiday months. Adoration will be held from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. and Reconciliation will be 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
- c. **Parish Life:** Will begin doing treats after Mass this fall.
- d. **Faith Formation:** The adult faith formation class, *The Rescue Project*, concludes this week and was a success. Registration is now open for Youth Catechesis, \$25 per student. Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 9. Families with questions are encouraged to contact Samuel or call the parish office.
- e. **Finance:** Finances are in good standing. Nothing to note.
- f. **Building and Grounds:** The flooring and lighting have completed, giving the church a fresh look. Special thank you to all the many hands who made this possible. Projects to come include widening the sidewalks in front of the church, and having the pews professionally steam cleaned. Bids have been received and work will begin in the near future.
- g. **Hispanic Ministries:** Sister Mara is teaching guitar lessons in Spanish to kids of the parish. Irma reported they are in need of a few more guitars. The parish received a grant a few years ago that provided funding for certain projects hosted by our Hispanic Ministries. Barb will look into this and see if this event will qualify. The grant money will also help purchase new dresses for dancers for the Lady of Guadeloupe celebration. We are still waiting to hear back from Fr. Bernie about having a second Spanish mass during the month. Fr. Ross will reach out to him.

Old Business

- a. **Altar update:** As discussed last month, the facade of the old Altar, which was in the library, is being restored. The restoration will take place during August and September. Once finished, Gary Crawford has made a frame which will be placed in the Chapel of Repose.
- b. **Old Threshers Update:** Karla reported that the signup has been available and we are still needing volunteers on the grounds and Manning Hall. She also discussed some possible menu changes.

New Business

- a. **Welcoming New Members:** Fr. Ross welcomed the new parish council members and discussed the purpose and role of the parish council.
- b. **Committees:** *Social Action:* Marc, Brandon, David *Parish Life:* Morgan, Karla, Judy, Adrian, Lisa, Alan
Worship and Spirituality: Natalie, Judy *Hispanic Ministries:* Irma, John
- c. **Feast Day of St. Alphonsus:** We will celebrate the Mass on Friday, July 31, at 5:30 p.m., followed by a parish potluck.

Next Meeting: September 22, 2026, 6:00 p.m. – Adrian will provide the opening prayer and Fr. Ross the closing

Closing prayer offered by Fr. Ross

Meeting Adjourned by Marc at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted – Morgan Yoder, secretary