

Parish Council Meeting – May 27, 2025 – Meeting called to order by Marc Lindeen 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Father Ross Epping, Barb Brown, Morgan Yoder, Judy Hoover Warning, Bitrus Gwamna, Maureen Walsh, Marc Lindeen, Adrian Rubey, Bob Donnolly, Irma Perez

Absent: Ryan Harvey, Doug Slobodnik, Kent Metcalf, Mary Panther

Opening Prayer: Marc Lindeen

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes made by Bitrus, seconded by Judy. Motion carried.

Pastoral Comments: Fr. Ross shared the new Faith Formation director, Samuel Obert, will be starting June 23. Bell project is underway, and will be set in the coming weeks.

Committee Reports

- a. **Social Action:** There will be a back to school drive the weekend of July 19-20, benefiting the Fellowship Cup. There will be a list published closer to the date, of items needed. The committee has spoken to Father about the potential of our Parish finding new ways of supporting the Cradle of Hope and Mother's House. They will get back to us on their ideas and how we can help.
- b. **Liturgy:** The season of Easter wraps up in two weeks. Liturgy committee will prepare the gathering space for Ordinary Time.
- c. **Parish Life:** No meeting. Will be assisting Father and Barb in the planning of the Feast Day of St. Alphonsus Picnic.
- d. **Building and Grounds:** The committee is still needing to get bids for landscaping around the bell project, as well in front of the church. Hope to do this after the bell is completed.
- e. **Faith Formation:** Totus Tuus is coming in July. New Faith Formation director will have more information as the time comes.
- f. **Finance:** There are no items of note to discuss.
- g. **Hispanic Ministries:** Fr. Bernie will retire on June 30th; however, he will continue with Spanish Mass for another year. There has been a request sent to the Dioceses for two Spanish Masses during the month. Still waiting to hear back, Father will follow up with their request.

Old Business

- a. **Items in Storage:** There are no significant updates; it is still a work in progress. Hoping to get some items out before the Autumn Festival in September.

New Business

- a. **Council Election Results:** The four new members of the Parish Council will be joining us in July; Brandon Harrison, Karla Maher, Natalie Martin and John Newton. We look forward to their commitment to bettering our Parish.
- b. **Feast Day of St. Alphonsus Picnic / Volunteer Appreciation - Friday, August 1:** We will have a potluck meal, similar to what we did last year. There will also be a volunteer appreciation portion of the evening. Parish Life will serve as committee for event and will arrange with Father.
- c. **GriefShare Report** – The final session of GriefShare wrapped up at the end of May. It was brought to the attention of the Parish Council that there is a great need for support from the Church to the bereaved following a death. We will brainstorm ways to improve in this area.

Next Meeting: June 24, 2025, 6:00 p.m. Bitrus will offer the opening and closing prayer.

Closing Prayer: Bob Donnolly

Meeting Adjourned by Marc at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted – Morgan Yoder, secretary