

Holy Cross Parish – Finance Council Meeting
January 28, 2026
Holy Cross Rectory – 1:00 PM

Attendees: Rick Vanden Boogart Mark Tetzlaff Lance Goetzman
Dennis Bowers Fr. Luke Ferris Tammy Schmahl
Cheryl Van Toll Jane Vanden Boogart – taking minutes

Guests: None

Excused: Justin Collins Tony Vosters

1. **Opening prayer** – Mark Tetzlaff
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Consensus reached on approval of the agenda with addition of discussing the joint parish raffle.
3. **Approval of Minutes, November 2025** – Consensus reached on approval of the minutes.
4. **Approval of Financial Reports, December 2025** – Consensus reached on approval of the financial reports.
 - We had good months in November and December.
 - Budget vs. Actual July – December 2025:
 - Account 815.201, School Maintenance B & G – \$27,000 over budget. We had to replace a classroom heater – \$6,500, school water heater – \$16,000, and school water softener – \$3,750.
 - Account 480.103 Unrealized gain-loss on investment – up a little bit in December.
 - Most of the Oktoberfest sponsorships were recorded in October. Sponsorships were down from 2024. The council suggested doing more face-to-face contact with sponsors.
 - We are getting more people who are contributing their Required Minimum Distributions and doing Qualified Charitable Distributions to the parish.
 - We are tracking to our budget for snow removal.
5. **Buildings & Grounds (B&G)**
 - Cemetery
 - Nothing to report.
 - School
 - Finished the science lab renovations and Bishop Ricken blessed it. Cost was \$150,000 including refurbished items they used.
 - Someone donated money to do another classroom and another person wants to donate to redo the library.
 - Financially doing okay. Lynn Zwick did a great job and is retiring at the end of this fiscal year.
 - Would like to see growth in the number of students. They have room for 20 students in each class.
 - Greenwood Update
 - John Stilp has met with them several times. Some boards will have to be fixed for them to get all they way up in the clock/bell tower. They took pictures with a drone to get a closer look at the current state of the structure. Their initial rough estimate for the clock/bell tower was \$509,000. We want a good ballpark estimate for when we start fundraising. We asked John to let them know we want to get some information/estimates because we have to get going with our fundraising efforts.
 - We can move forward with sharing information with the parish when we have a good estimate for Phase 1 and can explain the scope(s) of subsequent phases even if we do not have estimates for them.
 - When we get information from Greenwood, we may meet to discuss it.
 - Brief Update on SF Gathering Space Addition
 - Fr. Luke shared information about the project.

6. **Any other business**

- Joint Parish Raffle:
 - We need to get some Holy Cross people on the committee.
 - A suggestion was made to do the raffle in spring. Unfortunately, there are already several big things going on in the spring.
 - Financially it worked well in 2025 for both the raffle and Oktoberfest.
 - Jane will attend the next Joint Parish Council meeting on Feb. 21, 9:00, Joint Parish Center, to discuss the joint parish raffle. Jane will invite Lawrence to attend the meeting with her.

7. NEXT MEETING – Feb. 25, 12:00, Joint Parish Center (Mark Tetzlaff will be out of town.)

8. Closing Prayer – Fr. Luke

9. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 1:58 PM. Consensus reached to close the meeting.

MEETING SCHEDULE 2026 – meetings typically are at noon in the Joint Parish Center unless otherwise indicated.

Mar. 25	May 27	Jul.-no mtg.	Sep. 22	Nov. 25?
Apr. 22	Jun. 24	Aug. 26	Oct. 28	Dec.-no mtg.