

# Holy Cross Parish – Finance Council Meeting

March 25, 2026

Joint Parish Center – 12:00 PM

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

**Excused:** Justin Collins

1. **Opening prayer** – Fr. Luke
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Consensus reached on approval of the agenda.
3. **Approval of Minutes, February 2026** – Consensus reached on approval of the minutes.
4. **Approval of Financial Reports, February 2026** – Consensus reached on approval of the financial reports.
  - 412 Discipleship – Overall it looks good. Tuition received in the fall. Mission trip income and fundraising has not yet be credited.
  - 432 Fundraising and 450 Donations – Both look good.
  - 770 Cemetery Expenses – Over budget at this point. Will see more burials in the spring.
  - 815.103 Snow Removal – expenses are up. Anticipate it being even higher due to the snow storm in March. Parking lot is still done by Carl Bowers Construction for free. Fr. Luke will send a thank you to them – Judy (Carl’s wife) and the sons.
  - 815.201 – School Maintenance B & G – Over budget by \$23,000 due to water heater and water softener.
  - Repairs and improvement paid for by the Athletic Association will be shown as donations with offsetting expenses. Will share information with parish about all the Athletic Association does for the parish.
  - 102.102 Money Market-all deposits 6664 – includes money for the Rome trip which will start being paid out soon.
  - Total expenses are favorable. Net income is favorable.
5. **Buildings & Grounds (B&G):**
  - **Cemetery**
    - Nothing to report.
  - **School**
    - Gala is coming up April 18
    - Enrollment is good.
  - **Greenwood Update**
    - Bishop has been ill and hasn’t yet signed our proxy. Fr. Luke contacted them to get that approved.
    - We do not yet have a contract from Greenwood. They have verbal agreement from the subcontractors but we need a formal contract.
    - Phase 1 work will begin in May once we get the proxy approval and contract.
    - Greenwood would like to do the whole project including replacing the roof.
    - Talk in person with Chris VandeHey and ask him what he thinks we need to do. Tony will contact him and ask John S. to join the conversation.
    - Can do anything that isn’t touching the roof. The people who will do the non-roof repairs will need to stand on the roof in some places which they cannot do without damaging the roof. Cannot do gutters until we do the roof.
    - There is a piece of galvanized sheet metal (6’x30’) on the south roof that is very rusted.
    - When we talk with people, tell them we have to replace the roof at some point in the near future and will need \$1.2 million for phase 2.
    - School – estimate to do the windows in all the rooms is \$500,000 (\$25,000 per room). Include \$50,000 in phase 1 to do the two rooms on Doty St. side from the church building to the front door of the school.

- Fundraising:
  - Fr. Luke will write up something to begin sharing the information with the parish – \$669,000 for bell tower, \$50,000 for school, \$1.2 million for roof and tuckpointing the rest of the church.
  - Start the announcements after Easter.
- Still need to repair the interior damage done by the chimney leak. Stan D. may be working on it.
- Already received \$580,000 in pledges for phase 1.
- Pledge form will have a three year pledge option.
- Will do a mailing to all registered members after Fr. Luke makes the announcements to the parish.
- Share the pictures from R.J. Jacques and Greenwood – Fr. Luke will ask Tom Van Heuklon to help make that happen.
- \$2.5 million total for all the phases.

- **Brief Update on St. Francis Gathering Space Addition**

- \$3.5 million is estimated for the project.
- Will share the information with the parishioners.
- If they can't get buy in, they will do work on the existing building – new elevator, interior work, etc.
- Parish is holding steady on members but potential for growth due to more residential building going on in that area.

**6. Other Business:**

- Oktoberfest – We would like to use an automated system for the silent auction items. Explained how the system works and that we will have volunteers to help people place their bids.
- Also looking into using Square or similar device for people to pay for food, game and raffle basket tickets, and drinks at the bar. St. Ignatius uses Square. Lynn Hietpas will contact Lynn to understand more about how that works.

**7. NEXT MEETING – April 22, 12:00, Worship Conference Room**

**8. Closing Prayer – Fr. Luke**

**9. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 1:01 PM. Consensus reached to close the meeting.**

**MEETING SCHEDULE 2026** – meetings typically are at noon in the Worship Conference Room unless otherwise indicated.

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