



SAINT LAWRENCE PARISH

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

St. Lawrence Church Parish Council Meeting

October 23, 2025

Members present: Donna Lebert, Lou Hosking, Jack Schuster, Bob DeMarini

Others in attendance: Al Karg, Karole Kreutter, Joe Lenart, Alice Lucas, Jim Fullmer

The meeting opened at 7:02 pm with a welcome from Donna Lebert and a prayer from Father Joe. The August 25, 2025 minutes were formally approved.

Donna Lebert noted that there is a need for a Parish Council Secretary as Regan resigned her position effectively immediately. She thanked Regan Cutillo for her service.

Ministry Committee Reports:

Liturgy:

Karole Krutter discussed who the people responsible for training new parishioners interested in the different ministries. Karole will be responsible for Lectors, Father Joe for Altar Servers, Father Joe to ask Jean Panciera for Eucharistic Ministers, and Al Karg for Greeters.

A suggestion was made by Jack Schuster that a meeting of all Eucharistic Ministers should be held to review protocol for performing this ministry.

Karole also mentioned that it is the wish of Bishop Reidy to reestablish the distribution of the Precious Blood Cup during Holy Communion sometime in the future, probably after the winter season.

Parish Survey

In the recent survey sent to Parishioners, there were a few suggestions to increase activities within our Parish. Some recommendations included:

- ~ a social group that would gather together to share a dinner or special activity
- ~ a ministry for our elders
- ~ a group for parishioners in their 20s and 30s—what would they be interested in?

Karole also suggested a support group for mothers of young children, mothers of preschoolers

Other comments in the survey included better organization before the start of the Sunday Mass and that politics do not have a place in church, including homilies.

Karole agreed to work on the second survey with Father Joe and Deacon John. She discussed the thought of if the new survey could/should ask our parishioners specific questions and suggestions as to how do we build our Parish community? If this is answered another question would ask how could you help us make it happen? Choir practice has started—Thursdays at 5:30 pm. Remembrance Mass to be held on November 4. Confirmation to be held on November 16. Christmas Concert to be held on December 7.

Finance:

Father Joe stated that he has notified the Finance Committee members that there will be a change in members as of January 2026. A few parishioners offered to be on the committee and others have been on it a long time. We thank those leaving for all their time and efforts.

Religious Education (CCD):

Confirmation is scheduled for Sunday 11/16 at 2 pm at St. Lawrence. The office is assisting Joe L with the format. Joe will need to confirm altar servers and coordinate a reception after. Donna L has asked Joe to provide copies of the previous CCD Volunteer forms for her review project.

TIA:

Planning for next year's trip has started. The first deposit check was signed by Father Joe today and will be mailed.

Healing Ministry:

Alice Lucas made a request for assistance in the development of Mary's Garden. She gave an overview and history of the creation of Mary's Garden. It is the intent that the Garden be located on the north side of the church adjacent to the driveway with the statue of Mary at the west end. The plan is to create a committee early in January of interested parishioners who will develop a plan for the Garden and a plan to request donations and physical help from parishioners. Alice stated that Carol Pleines is cleaning and repainting the statue of Mary. There were two requests made by Alice—that the water faucet in the shed with the oil tank be turned on so that there is easy access to use for the Garden and that mowing around the area of the Garden be included in the grounds-keeping budget.

Jack Schuster said he will check on the faucet located inside the shed and will turn it on for easy access during non-winter weather and Father Joe said he would make sure the mowing is added to the church landscaping.

Al Karg made a motion, seconded by Donna Lebert, that Alice Lucas be the point person in the development of this project with the assistance of the Healing Ministry Committee.

Hospitality:

The committee is busy preparing for the Christmas Fair. Al Karg mentioned that the Knights of Columbus will make a donation of \$100 for a raffle basket. Donna stated that the KofC Columbiettes will also donate a Raffle basket and she also asked the Parish Council to donate toward one which she will purchase the items for. Donna noticed that the Parish volunteer forms need to be updated and discussed this change. Lou H has offered to assist with that. The fall Rummage Sale had proceeds of \$2,125. The next Rummage Sale is planned for April 20, 2026.

Plant and Facilities:

The new church doors have arrived and are scheduled to be installed on Monday, October 27. It is hopeful that the current door hardware can be reused.

There was a discussion regarding driveway sealing to fill the cracks or resurfacing the entire parking lot. Current quotes for reseal are \$12,000 to \$15,000. No final decision has been made yet.

Communications:

The wireless not working in the church is still an issue. The office is trying to see how else this issue can be resolved.

Stewardship:

A list of organizations that receive monies from our Parish has been posted in the Sunday Bulletin.

Old Business:

- The Knights of Columbus "Car Cruise" was very successful with approximately 40 cars showing.
- Open volunteer positions are still an issue.
- Parish directory. Donna L is wondering if we can do this using submitted parishioner pictures and Shutterfly. She is going through our current registration forms to clean up our registry in preparation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm with a prayer by Fr. Joe. The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on January 22, 2026 (due to Christmas).

Respectfully submitted, Lourdes Hosking and Donna Lebert