

St. Christopher Finance Council
Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2025

- ❖ **Call to order and prayer**
- ❖ **Roll call Present:** John Merz, Val Hartel, Mike Bauerschmidt, Adam Trisch, Penny Hogan, Janet Ellicott Fr Isaac Madanu
- ❖ **Absent:** Don Weingartz **Others in attendance:** Christine Kolar, Bookkeeper
- ❖ **Meeting Minutes: September 17, 2025** – approved as presented
- ❖ **Financials Review:**
 - Financial Reports – September 2025 financial reports were reviewed. With the paving project not being listed in the budget, the reason for the overage on the budget will need to be explained in the year end financial reports submitted to the Diocese as amendments to the budget are not allowed.
 - MCC Protected Loss Fund Distribution - \$71,075 to the parish for dissolving the program. MCC changed the program and distributed the funds they were holding to the Diocese in Michigan essentially paying back part of the insurance premiums that the parishes have paid in the past.
- ❖ **Christ's Mission Appeal:**

2025-26 Target: Assessment - \$43,704 - The parish will no longer need to take a loan to pay for the remainder of an allocation goal not met. If a parish exceeds its allocation goal, the parish will receive a return of 50% of the overage. The remaining 50% will be spread across parishes with less giving capacity. Thus, as a diocese we are truly living the gospel of being of one heart and mind.

New/Open issues:

- ❖ **Cemetery Expansion** – area almost cleared and ready for fencing in about a week or two
- ❖ **Sacred Heart Entryways** – no additional information gathered – company contacted is getting away from these types of projects. Project tabled until Spring when we will look to remove the carpet and see what we are dealing with as far as residual glue.
- ❖ **St Joe's Parking Lot** – Project issues and weather have delayed completion. Expected completion the following week.
- ❖ **St Joe's needed repairs:** Roof leakage and window rotting – TLS Enterprise will be going out to assess on October 13th.
- ❖ **Parish Finance Council Norms** – the council reviewed the new guidelines provided by the Bishop's office. A draft Confidentiality Agreement will be provided at the next meeting for members to sign. Organization of two meetings together of Finance and Pastoral Council will need to be determined.

Next meeting date and time: November 12, 2025