

**Corpus Christi Parish
Council Meeting
September 15, 2026**

In Attendance: Jen Derickson, Richard Greiff, Dave Hill, Chase McAnally Kern, Allison Kern, Marvin Winkeler

Ex-Officio in Attendance: Michele Stroot, Neil Jansen, Fr. Paul Wienhoff

Excused: Derrick Lebryk, Chris Stuhldreher, Annette Whitaker, Laurie Wiley

Ex-Officio Excused: None

President Jen Derickson called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM with prayer led by Fr Paul Wienhoff.

Minutes of last meeting: Motion for approval by Marvin Winkeler. Motion carried.

FINANCE

Finance committee had met and installed the new budget. \$9K short on the Operating budget; Building fund is good. Assets are still strong. Liabilities are what is expected. Collections are down a little, but this is typical, especially during the summer months.

LITURGICAL

- Cornerstone Scripture will begin October 1st.
- Grandparents/Elderly blessing was this past weekend (Sept. 12/13).
- Catechetical Sunday – September 19/20; Priesthood Sunday – September 26/27. Deacon George will preach at all Masses and offer a blessing over each priest.
- New Server training completed – St. Joe – Aug. 30th; Corpus 9/13.
- St. Joe PSR Reconciliation – Sept. 27th – 09:15 AM.
- Children's Masses – CC – October 4th – 9AM; St. Joe – October 18th, 10:30 AM
- Pet Blessing at St. Joe Oct. 4
- Time & Talent Weekend – Oct. 17/18. Fr. Paul will emphasize need for stewardship at each Mass.
- All Saints – Sunday, Nov. 1st. All Souls procession will be at these Masses as well.
- Rite of Entrance/Welcoming – Weekend of Nov. 7/8. May be at both churches depending on McKendree students who may be interested in OCIA.
- Anointing of the Sick – November 14/15. Also, blessing of Veterans.
- 1st Reconciliation – March 14th; 1st Communion – April 10 (CC)/April 11th (SJ)
- Confirmation – Sunday, April 18th at 3 PM (live streamed)

PASTORAL/SOCIAL

- Fall Chicken Dinner – Oct. 25th
- Name tag Sunday again on November 14/15.
- Trivia night – January 30th – looking for idea on what to dedicate receipts to.
- Looking to do Chili again for Super Bowl.
- Mouse Races – February 27th

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

- Philips Interior – doors are still on order.
- Church A/C has an external fans issue. Issues with board running one of the fans. Need to be repaired prior to winter. It is on the list with Langhauser to repair. No bid yet on cost.

- Jim Vernier pointed out that the caulk on the west side of the church is cracking and 15 years old. Need to replace to protect EFIS. Ask Jim to get a bid.
- Solar – Ameren currently showing that we have a \$6,000 credit. Hard to track but seems to be true. Also, our REC Payment Reconciliation payment of \$31,565.67 was received.
- Grootens A/C needs replacing. 2 bids but different approaches. Still wrestling with details on approach and final estimates.
- Boyer Fire and Sprinkler advises that our sprinkler system is not up to date enough to pass a most recent new test procedure. If we are required, it will be a \$2600 upgrade.

YOUTH MINISTRY –

- Pumpkin decorating September 23rd at CC. Group makeup has more 8th graders from St. Joe.
- **Joseph House**
 - “Into the Streets” students from McKendree University had 22 students and teachers along with good showing of parishioners. Lot accomplished in yard work and church cleaning.
 - Involvement Fair – Wednesday, September 9th – 11 am – 2 pm @ McKendree. 2 reps from each parish. One student expressed interest in OCIA.
 - Averaging 160 students with a high of 201. Past Monday, Sept. 14 was 173.
- **Card Ministry**
 - The homebound list has been updated recently. Reaching out to 55 plus households.
 - College ministry list has 44 students. 12 are seminarians. Collections allowed the sending of \$45 to each seminarian.

COMMUNICATION –

- Flocknote has been implemented and continues to go well.
- FORMED has been renewed for both parishes for \$1099.

EDUCATION-

- PSR has 27 students (3 who have yet to attend). 4 students not baptized. Two in high school. Three are at St. Clare in 8th grade but will make confirmation with PSR students.
- First Communion Retreat and Reconciliation – Sunday, March 14th.
- First Communion – Corpus – Sat. April 10th; St. Joseph – Sunday, April 11th.
- Confirmation Retreat – Sat. March 20th, 9 A – 2 P at St. Joseph. Confirmation – Sun. Apr. 18th at Corpus Christi (live streamed).
- **CLW-** Gatherings resumes August 9th. Averaging 6 students per week.
- **OCIA –** Two high school students are catechized. The text “Chosen” with some supplementals will meet the OCIA criteria.
- **Adult Faith Formation –** “The Search – Find the meaning of Life” is available on FORMED. Will be offered on 4 evenings. Brenda Bishop and Diane Diekemper agreed to facilitate. Workbooks are not being considered since they seem not worth the money. Start date is still TBD.

OUTREACH – Partnership Mass & Lunch postcards went out this week.

PARTNERSHIP –

- Partnership Mass & Picnic – much better participation this year. Folks stayed until 2 PM. Games and Candy bar walk were a hit. Fed around 140 people. 180 attended Mass.

OLD BUSINESS –

- Security – Richard Greiff and Chris Stuhldreher have a working draft of the security plan. Michele made some updates to the plans for the PSR program.

NEW BUSINESS – None

Round the Table

- Michele Stroot commented on the upcoming Rummage sale. Do have lots of items.
- Dave Hill questioned the condition of the “white sign” advertising the Parish on the southwest corner of the property. Definitely needs attention but also some concern about how to improve due to new Village sign ordinance. More investigation before proceeding.
St. Clare School auction is March 19th (Friday this year in Lent).
- Allison Kern is seeking suggestions on how to spend the Trivia night proceeds. She is also looking for input on Service Project ideas for the Confirmation Class.
- Neil announced that Sophia Ysursa is the Holiday Hilltop recipient. She is an Althoff Senior with bone cancer. Due to her name recognition, there is an expectation of a large crowd.
- Tentative date for Council/Boards Christmas party is Dec. 15th or 16th.

CLOSING PRAYER: Led by Fr. Paul at 7:58 PM

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 17th, 2026, at 7 PM.