

# St. Michael's Parish Council Meeting

## April 21, 2026

### I. Call to Order & Opening Prayer

President Laurie Kraemer called the meeting to order.

Fr. Courtright led the opening prayer.

### II. Organizational & Routine Matters

- **Roll Call: Present:** Fr. Courtright, Fr. Seth, Laurie Kraemer, Janet Burns, Rhonda Varriano, Brent Lahr, Erin Perronteau, Mary Ann Whalen  
**Absent:** Craig Knutson, Ken Vasek, Craig Pfau, Lori Swinney, Marie Vetter
- **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the March meeting said our Accounts Payable had been high recently. Erin Perronteau clarified that this was because we've changed our accounting method to more of an accrual basis rather than a cash basis. Janet Burns motioned that the minutes be approved. Seconded by Brent Lahr. Motion passed.

### III. Reports of Representing Organizations

- **Altar Society:** Janet Burns reported that the Altar Society's Spring Luncheon & Fashion Show was coming up on Saturday, April 25. Tickets are still available—so far 110 have been sold. Twelve outfits will be modeled by twelve models. The models have all been fit with their outfits except for the last three at Mainstream Boutique. Honey Youngberg & Janet Burns will pick up the chicken salad at US Foods and the rest of the food from Sam's Club.  
The Altar Society meets next on May 12.  
The ladies will be serving the meal for Msgr. Pilon's 50<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary after the 5 pm Mass on Sunday, May 31. Erin Perronteau said the parish office has been receiving RSVP's for it.
- **Knights of Columbus:** Fr. Courtright reported 40 tickets were still left to be sold for the Meat Raffle as of the past weekend.
- **Bridge Builders:** No report except that the Bridge Builder's Banquet was coming up on Thursday, April 23.

### IV. Reports from Parish Boards and Councils

- **Parish Education:** Fr. Seth reported that the Closing Mass for Religious Ed will be on May 6. He also reported that thirteen people had come into the Church through OCIA this past year. Four were baptized, three were Catholics receiving sacraments, and six were Protestants becoming Catholic. The Youth Group has started fundraising for their Steubenville trip this summer. More than usual are going this year--about 17 students.
- **Finance Council:** The Finance Council met today and went through the March financials. Erin Perronteau reported we are still a little behind on our net income. That's partly because of our investments due to the economy doing poorly at this time. Weekly giving is up about \$6000. It was reported that the Pastoral Ctr. has a new money counter—it works very fast.

- **Pastor's Report:**

- **St. Carlo Acutis Middle School update:** There have been four receptions so far at St. Michael's in which parishioners have been invited to learn about the campaign to build the new building for St. Carlo Acutis Middle School. Three receptions were also held at Holy Family and two at St. Mary's. The actual cost of the new building is estimated to be \$13 million. The goal is to raise \$8.25 million over five years. So far, 11% of that has been raised. Groundbreaking is set for May 18. Bishop Folda will be here for a 10 am Mass and the groundbreaking will follow and then there will be a reception in the church basement. About 15 students are signed up for 6<sup>th</sup> grade in the coming school year and 12 students for 7<sup>th</sup> grade. The school is negotiating with the public schools in participating in intramurals. There will be a Mass on May 7 at St. Mary's for this year's 6<sup>th</sup> graders.
- It was mentioned that sometimes at Masses there might be a person or persons that the ushers need to keep an eye on. Maybe the ushers should have training to deal with such people. There's a program called St. Joseph's Keepers that could be beneficial to the ushers. Fr. Courtright said he'd look into it. Some members at the council meeting suggested that the ushers should be greeting people more.
- Fr. Seth said that he'd know by our next Parish Council meeting if he's going to be transferred to another parish this summer.

#### V. Old & Current Business

- **Parish Council By-Laws:** Discussion about updating the Parish Council By-Laws continued. For example, should a lay officer be required to attend the Parish Council meetings? Laurie Kraemer is putting the final touches on the updates and will then have Fr. Courtright and Dean Kuhns look at them. We hope to finally vote on the revised By-Laws at the next Parish Council meeting.
- **Parish Council Election:** The election is coming up the last weekend of April. We were only able to get two candidates to run for the two open seats: Jason Riter and Sarah Wocken.
- **Beautification Committee:** The Beautification Committee is meeting on April 30. Then they'll meet with Conrad Schmitt from Wisconsin on May 28.

#### VI. New Business: None

#### VII. Adjournment & Closing Prayer:

There being no further business, Laurie Kraemer adjourned the meeting.

Fr. Seth led the closing prayer.

The next meeting is set for June 2.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ann Whalen