



ST. ALBERT THE GREAT PARISH

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Parish Council Meeting

July 17, 2025

MINUTES

Attendees:

Fr. David Micheal
Melissa Azul
Michael Chaump
Leti Corral

Jim Crandal
Marie Fromherz
Russ Fromherz
Melissa Johnston

Kristen Mareno
Dave Patula
Michael Pham
Pat Pusich

Linda Quandt
Ed Strickland
Zara Rolle

I. OPENING PRAYER - Fr. David

II. Minutes for the May June 19, 2025 meeting - Leti Corral motioned to approve; Michael Pham seconded. All approved.

III. PASTOR'S REPORT, Fr. David

- New Parishioner welcoming event will be planned for mid to late October. It will be for those who joined the parish within the last 5 years. A slide show will be put together as an introduction to each of the ministries.
- July 20 - The Knights are providing hospitality after the 8am & 10am Masses to welcome Fr. Lucio to the parish. There will also be hospitality after the 6pm Saturday Mass.
- Friday, July 18 - Volunteer Recognition Mass at 5:30pm and dinner afterwards.
- Hallow App for the parish will need more discussion and consideration in the future.
- Pizza with Padre is tailored for adults and will resume on Sept.9.
- Stewardship will coincide with hospitality after all of the Saturday & Sunday Masses. The stewardship fair will be held the weekend of August 23-24.
- The rosary before Masses is ongoing.
- Strategic planning is ongoing. See Ed's report on the Building & Grounds committee below.
- The updating and remodel of the church bathrooms is a #1 priority. Pat Pusich hopes that the project can begin in 2026 depending on funding.

IV. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT, Melissa Azul

- CSA campaign 2025 - We are currently at \$82,795 (\$96,400 pledged; our goal is \$107,649)
- Grant Projects - There was a presentation given for a campus public address system to alert all 3 sites in case of emergency.

V. FINANCE REPORT - General Financial Updates, Jim Crandal

- The corporate board will meet on Sept. 17.
- The budget is balanced.
- The finance committee will be meeting to discuss how to raise funds. Parish-wide participation will be needed. Ideas were suggested: Parish t-shirts, tile/brick sponsors, 50/50 raffles, naming rights, religious item store, direct mail to new housing areas to bring in more parishioners.

VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Ed Strickland

- Election of Officers - Fr. David nominated Michael Pham for President and Michael Chaump for Vice-President of the Parish Council. Both of them were unanimously approved. We are still looking for a council secretary. Linda will continue until someone is found to take on the task.
- Ministries to schedule weekend Masses to provide hospitality. This is a good opportunity to combine a social event with ministry recruiting. The Knights will be providing breakfast sandwiches after the 8am & 10am Masses on July 20 for Fr. Lucio's welcoming.
- A slide show will be developed to be a ministry information guide for parishioners. Ministries should send pictures of their activities to Ed.
- The Building & Grounds Committee met on July 16 and will continue to meet on the third Wednesday of each month. There are 7 to 8 people in the group who have inspected the parish, school and CDC buildings, HVAC systems, landscaping, etc. Pat Pusich put together a Campus Survey spreadsheet listing their findings. Listed are the items that need repair, replacement, upgrade, and expansions by priority with their estimated cost and projected time for completion. A permanent funding source will be needed for the capital improvements. For now, emergency repairs will be looked at on a case-by-case basis.
- Roof repairs in the amount of \$2,600 (not to exceed \$3,000) are necessary. Michael Pham moved to approve the request; Michael Chaump seconded. All approved.

- The gutters and downspouts need to be repaired/replaced. An estimate of \$10,000 was received, however they will be requesting more quotes.
- It was brought to our attention that the solar panels on the church are not working. It was installed about 10 years ago and it has been determined that it is too costly to assess whether it's cost effective. The plan is to remove the panels when the roof is replaced.
- A former parishioner, Rose Fazio, has left \$50,000 each to St. Albert's and four other charities. This donation will go to our building & grounds fund.

VII. PARISH LIFE & CDC, Kristin Mareno / Zara Rolle

- The Parish Family Camp-Out will be on July 25-27. They were at all the Masses last week and will be again this week to promote the event.
- The Fall Festival will take place on Sept. 13. Kristin will follow up with Danielle Pourchot who is spear-heading the event.
- Trunk or Treat will be held again at the end of October. The event is coordinated with school.
- Christmas Around the World will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6 so as not to conflict with the Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration on Dec. 12. Event time and entrance fee to be determined.

VIII. MINISTRY REPORTS

A. LATINO, Leti Corral

- Bible classes are held at 6:00pm on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month. Meetings are held on every other Tuesday.
- 185-200 people have been attending the Hispanic Mass.
- Hospitality for the Hispanic Mass is on the first weekend of the month. They sold corn and provided chips last weekend and look to do more fundraising.
- Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration will be on Dec. 12th.

B. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, Dave Patula

- The Knights will be providing hospitality after the 8am & 10am Masses on the second Sundays in August & Sept..
- The Knights' finance committee is waiting to find out the final Gala numbers before making a donation for the school bathroom project. It was reported that \$290,000 was raised.
- Saturday, July 26 - Family camp BBQ at Stampede after celebrating the Mass at 4:30.
- The Knights' annual picnic will be on Aug. 2 at Rancho San Rafael. All Knight families and potential members are invited.
- Traffic support by the Knights at the Balloon Races is one of their major fundraisers - Sept. 5-7. The Scouts help at the event. Fr. David suggested that the Knights sponsor the church bathroom project with these funds. Dave will make the proposal at their next officer meeting.
- The Knights Wives' Appreciation Dinner will be held on Tues, July 29th.

C. YOUNG ADULTS, Melissa Johnston

- Planned activities: Sunday, July 20 - Outing at Lake Tahoe; Friday, July 25 - Reno Aces game

D. SCOUTING, Russ Fromherz

- The Eagle Scout project for the rosary garden across from Clayton MS is proceeding. The site has been cleared and trees were removed. New trees and shrubs will be planted.
- 30 scouts and 10 leaders have returned from summer camp on the Russian River.
- Religion awards will be presented in August.

E. SCHOOL - No report

F. PTO - No report

G. ST. AL'S GALS - No report

H. LEGION OF MARY, Linda Quandt

- Provided hospitality and ministry recruiting after the 10am Mass last Sunday. They had one prospective new member attend their last meeting and got 3 sign-ups for Fatima home visits. They are planning to do the same thing for a 4pm Mass next month.
- Encouraging more attendance at 1st Saturday Masses. The scriptural rosary is at 8am, Mass at 9am, and hospitality is provided after Mass.

I. OCIA, Michael Pham

- Planning on an OCIA appeal at Masses on Aug. 9-10

J. BEREAVEMENT

- Fr. David reported that he talked to Ruth about the celebration of All Souls Day which falls on Sun, Nov. 2. The names of those in the parish who died this past year will be read at Masses. The proposal to display candles with the names of the deceased is being considered.

K. YOUTH / RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, Melissa Johnston

- Melissa is revamping the religious ed registration form and will set up a designated email address for registration.
- A Back To School Night will be scheduled where parents will be asked to bring in their kids' required certificates for Religious Ed registration.
- Religious Ed classes will begin on Sept. 21.

L. SECURITY MINISTRY - no report

- Leti asked if it would be possible for Mario, the sacristan at the Saturday 6pm Hispanic Mass, to receive First Aid/CPR training. She was advised that there will be other training opportunities in the future.

M. DIOCESE - PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

- Virtus sign-ups are ongoing. All volunteers must have Virtus training (see Elda).

Next Scheduled Meeting: Thursday, August 21, 5:30 pm.