

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes
Saint Joseph of the Lakes Catholic Church

October 7, 2025 7:15-8:45 PM

Purpose: The purpose of the Parish Council is to advise the pastor and to carry out the parish vision:

We, the people of Saint Joseph of the Lakes Catholic Church, as Christ's Body, strive to be the heart, hands
and feet of Jesus Christ.

Present: Paul Siler, Paul Schaffhausen, Clarissa Howe, Maureen Berendes, Sally Brisbois, Deb Doohar-Anderson, Mollie Tobias, Erin Secord, Julie Herbst, Fr. Bill Deziel

Excused: LeAnn Zogg, Ken McDonald

1. Opening Prayer: Paul Schaffhausen
2. Meeting Preliminaries
 - a. September minutes were approved.
3. Finance Council Report – we're \$31k ahead of budget and \$43k ahead of last year for the first three months of the fiscal year. \$100k net profit from the Summer Festival.
4. Pastor's Report –
 - a. 15 participants in OCIA. First session 10/9
 - b. Lakes Lifecare Center Gala is also 10/9.
 - c. All Souls Day falls on Sunday. Prayers for dead at all Sunday liturgies. All Saints Day is not a holy day of obligation.
5. Parish Council 2025-2026
 - a. Co-Chair – Will select a name randomly next month.
 - b. Delegate-at-large – Still have an opening
6. Parishioner Concerns
 - a. Suggestion for a family rosary opportunity before certain Masses
7. Commission Reports
 - a. Charity & Justice – Bake sale and Fair Trade on Oct. 26
 - b. Communications/Development
 - c. Facilities
 - d. Faith Formation – Halloween Hoopla 6:15-7:15 p.m. on Oct. 25
 - e. Liturgy
 - f. Parish Life
 - g. Pastoral Care
8. Closing Prayer with Special Intentions: Maureen

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 4th, 2025

**St. Joseph of the Lakes
Finance Council Report
October 7, 2025**

Fiscal 2026 YTD September:

- Preliminary results show collections ahead of budget by \$31k and ahead of last year by \$43k – a good start to the fiscal year.
- Summer Festival is showing a net profit of \$100k; last year was about \$90k.
- Net cash position is \$57k, down from \$88k a year ago.
- Capital improvement fund is at \$110k, down from \$117k the year before
 - o Capital Improvement fund is to be used for approved capital projects throughout the campus, such as A/C replacement, lighting, etc. It is typically not to be used for routine maintenance and repairs or special interest projects.
- We need to build up our cash position and capital improvement fund.
- Parking lot loan balance is at \$203k; balloon payment on this loan is due August 2026

Fiscal 2026 budget:

- FY26 budget includes Total Collections budgeted at \$1.398M, up from FY25 actual of \$1.295M.
- Classroom Rental Income is budgeted to be down about \$11k from FY25 due to the loss of ABC Preschool.
- Parish Festival income is budgeted at \$96k, about \$6k higher than FY25.
- Total Expenses are budgeted to increase \$65k over FY25, most notably due to higher personnel and benefit costs.

Facilities Report
St. Joseph of the Lakes
September 29th, 2025

Meeting called to order by Chuck Karth -8:30am

Present; Terry Mayer, Jerry Bauer, Ken McDonald

Topics Discussed –

- New tables were purchased to replace the broken tables.
 - o 9 round tables
 - o Cart for safely transporting and storing round tables.
 - o 4 rectangle tables
 - The cost of the new tables was \$5,800. The tables were paid for with the generous support of the Men's Group, C.C.W. and the Knights of Columbus.

- Sidewalk safety
 - o The sidewalk corner at the southwest end of the educational wing should be beveled similar to the other sidewalk.
 - Ease of use for wheelchairs, carts, snow removal,

- Bell Tower on Historic Church needs new roof.
 - o Bell Tower Roof was not replaced after hailstorm; damage claim was submitted.
 - No bids have been received.

- Downspout ground erosion
 - o Cement pads are to be installed under the downspouts to prevent erosion and promote better water distribution.
 - To be completed with in-house staff

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St Joseph of the Lakes

Pastoral Care Updates

Submitted by; Meisha Johnson & Paul Schaffhausen

1. We have our annual Memorial Service coming up for those who have passed away from our parish this past year on *All Souls* weekend (November 1st and 2nd). Mailers went out this week.
2. Funerals, funerals, and more funerals! We are planning 6 funerals simultaneously right now with several other people on hospice. The funeral side of pastoral care has been very busy as of late with no real sign of letting up. Fortunately, our servers for this ministry are strong!
3. Similarly, we've had many at-home and at-hospital anointings as of late.
4. We just met in person with the Prison Ministry group, including those from the Archdiocese. The Catholic Studies program is moving along well. We've teamed up with another larger program within the prison to garner some additional traction to our program. Our hope is that, out of all the extracurricular options the inmates/residents have, they will choose Catholic Studies to learn more about Catholicism and the Church of Christ.
5. The Word & Communion ministry is strong with Word & Communion services being offered every week at all five of our Sr. Living facilities. We also have Fr. Bill holding a Mass once per month at all facilities as well. In addition, we have monthly Rosary groups and weekly Bible Studies at the facilities as well. We also have a growing volunteer list which is great.
6. Home visits are steady with more hands-on deck willing to help than are needed, which is fabulous.
7. We still have a Bible Study/Catechism class meeting on Thursday nights with another study class for "beginners" on Wednesday afternoons. We will begin a *Catholic Book Club* on Monday evenings coming up in the next handful of weeks.
8. With all the crazy in the world, I've also seen an uptick in people wanting to meet and talk about their faith or discuss spiritual (direction) matters. Some people have questions; others are looking for ways to strengthen their faith in these times.

Overall, things are busy in Pastoral Care — a constant reminder that the need for God in the world is palpable.