

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes
Saint Joseph of the Lakes Catholic Church
January 6, 2026 6:45-8:15 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: Erin Secord, Paul Schaffhausen, Mollie Tobias, Paul Lillyblad, Fr. Bill Deziel, Clarissa Howe,
Paul Silver, Julie Herbst, Ken McDonald, Maureen Berendes

Excused: Sally Brisbois, LeAnn Zogg, Deb Dooher-Anderson

1. Opening Prayer: Julie
2. Meeting Preliminaries
 - a. December minutes approved
3. Finance Council Report – Collections are ahead of budget and last year. Capital improvement fund in about same position as last year. Parking lot needs to be refinanced in August.
4. Pastor's Report – Capital campaign is going to be focus of Father's time for the next six months.
 - a. Reviewing Seven Essential Elements of Parish Life. Council agreed to review and discuss at future meetings.
5. Parishioner Concerns
6. Commission Reports
 - a. Charity & Justice – 500 people were served through the Giving Trees and Christmas efforts.
 - b. Communications/IT – no December meeting
 - c. Facilities – no December meeting
 - d. Faith Formation – Youth Mass this Sunday night at 5:30. Faith Formation resumes this week.
 - e. Liturgy – no December meeting.
 - f. Parish Life – no representative
 - g. Pastoral Care – report shared separately. Volunteers needed for homebound visits.
7. Closing Prayer with Special Intentions: Paul Schaffhausen

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 3rd at 6:45pm.

**St. Joseph of the Lakes
Finance Council Report
January 6, 2026**

Fiscal 2026 YTD November:

- Collections continue to be ahead of budget (+\$48k) and ahead of last year (+\$72k).
- Summer Festival is showing a net profit of \$99k; last year was about \$90k.
- Net cash position is \$32k, down from \$39k a year ago.
- Capital improvement fund is at \$109k, and was \$111k a year ago.
 - 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 \$198k; 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.

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Pastoral Care Updates

Submitted by: Meisha Johnson & Paul Schaffhausen

Homebound

We have approximately 6-8 people who are receiving regular (weekly/bi-weekly) homebound Communion visits (most of whom are in our Lino Lakes community but a few others in Circle Pines, Lexington, and Shoreview). We've also seen an uptick in requests for single-time visits for Homebound Communion due to illness or other extenuating circumstances. *We have recently lost (due to death) a few people who had been receiving regular visits. It's also worth noting that every winter season we see an uptick in requests for homebound visits and sacraments.

Senior Living Ministry

There are a few residents at Senior Living Facilities receiving regular visits, but most people request single room visits when/as needed. *We have recently lost (due to death) a few people who had been receiving regular visits. We are still fully "staffed" with volunteers for *weekly* Word & Communion each month at each of our four Senior Living Facilities. Fr. Bill Deziel also holds one Mass per month at each.

Hospitality

**Please read above notes;*

In addition, we have people requesting visits just to talk (often due to loneliness) as well as a few who come forward requesting "spiritual visits" – wanting to talk about the faith and seeking spiritual guidance.

Our card ministry, the ministry sending cards to those who are ill and/or dying, as well as our prayer shawl and love bear ministries have been very busy this winter season. These ministries provide something very special to families in need (especially this time of year!).

Anointing of the Sick

Fr. Bill has been very busy as of late with anointings. Many, but not all, requests are for those who are on hospice care (and some who are now deceased) as well as others who are not parishioners but who are looking for a priest nearby. Anointing requests have remained steady.

Prison Ministry

We have a primary touch-point person at the Archdiocese who we must communicate through when lining up volunteers and/or Catholic curriculum to the prison. The Archdiocese speaks directly to the prison on our behalf when we must communicate with them. This is both for security reasons as well as ease of communication for the prison and Archdiocese. We have a small Catholic Studies program going on at the prison with only one allowed volunteer at this time. We will be able to have more volunteers go in if there are

more prison residents (inmates) interested in *Catholic Studies* (as opposed to protestant Bible Studies) moving forward.

Funeral Ministry

The funeral ministry has been very busy as of late. We currently have three active funerals. In addition, we have several people currently on hospice care and nearing death.

Adult Bible Study/Catechism

There is a steady stream of people who have recently jumped into the Wednesday "beginner Bible Study/Catechism class" (as well as the Thursday night study) which shows how much people this time of year are truly wanting to seek out their faith and grow deeper in it.