Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council
Thursday, March 19, 2026 - 7:00 pm

Those present: Deacon Brad Feltz, Maria Larger, Linda Baker, Teresa Wuebker, Pete Reinhart, Mary Tangeman, Fr. Ken Schnipke, Amy Speelman, Amy Wilson, Erin Niekamp, and Corey Steinke

I. Call to Order by Erin Niekamp with Deacon Brad leading us in an Our Father
II. No Special Guests today
III. Committee/Commission Update Report
    a. Love in Action members were absent and no report was given
    b. Stewardship
        i. Stewardship Commission report was given by Teresa Wuebker. They added Matt Bertke to the commission and feel that they have a full roster for their commission. They are currently trying to set up a virtual meeting with Lisa Anslinger from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati in hopes. After that, a virtual retreat will be in the works but no date has been set.
        ii. Finance update was given by Amy Speelman. The finance committee has reviewed the first half of the fiscal year report and we are behind by $22,000. This is due to the air handler purchase. There has been donations received for the air handler in the sum of $63,000 out of the cost of $175,000. The finance committee will reassess the deficit after Easter donations are received. It was also suggested to promote the Birthday Fund for the air handler.
    c. Property update was given by Cory Steinke. The property committee met early this week. Landscaping was redone at the rectory last year. Some of the plants did not make it and Jason Dicke is set to replace those. Steve Koverman is stepping down from his role as property manager. They are finalizing a communication chain for maintenance help until his position is filled. The committee is hopeful that his replacement can use this in the future when maintenance projects need done. The committee is looking at changing the volunteer day this spring/summer. There is a possibility of having a few small groups volunteering different days to make the volunteer day more efficient. In the near future they will be working on their major maintenance schedule with deferred maintenance, etc. The Archdiocese is asking for each family of parishes to assess their church buildings and make a list of the deferred maintenance at all 8 buildings. A parishioner has offered an opportunity to have landscape rock donated to replace mulch at the church grounds. This is currently not needed this year because the beds were mulched last spring. The committee needs to do a little research into the type of material that will be donated, the type of border or edging that needs to be laid installed, and the life of the material. Their next meeting is April 20th.
    d. Eucharist update was given by Pete Reinhart. They sent a copy of their charter to Nick to start a record of their commission and meetings. They reviewed Holy Week details. Holy Redeemer will have 3 masses on Easter Sunday since Holy

Saturday mass is at St. Augustine this year. Masses on Easter Sunday are at 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00. The ushers will be getting an email asking them to start to seat people earlier so less chairs are used. They will also be asked to have the parishioners to "scootch" to the middle of the pews. Pete went to Vision Mark for statue name plate samples. The cost for these ranged from $400 (thinner) to $750 (Zinc). There are 11 statues in the church. John and Jean Homan were asked for a sample of what they could make. These name plates blended into the existing wood work, more aesthetically pleasing, and were more accepted by the parish council members. There is no cost associated with these names plates yet. Pete will meet with Homan's and get more information.

e. Evangelization update was given by Maria Larger. The commission met at the beginning of the month. Lent activities are going well, soup supper was well attended, and Prayers and Pancakes have been well attended with upwards 70 kids being there. ARC assessments for the CCD students have been put on pause by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Sarah Mescher is working on the final forms for the upcoming CCD year in the hopes that they can be published April 6th and open through May 25th. The upcoming CCD year was discussed with a few changes possibly forthcoming. VBS is July 20-22 from 6:00-8:30 each evening. 9 students have signed up to attend Steubenville in Joliet, Illinois in June. Both boys and girls CYO made it to state with the Girls winning the consolation bracket.
f. COL Unified Council update was given by Linda Baker. The Unified Council met on February 12 in Maria Stein. The Archdiocese of Cincinnati will have a Synod in 2027 for the first time in a while. The Synod will address the "Needs of the Church". The Beacons of Light calls for the discernment of the family of parishes to become one canonical parish which will be discussed within our deanery meetings in March - June of 2027. There are a few job openings within the Christ Our Light which Father will give more information. First On Site is working with St. Johns but they are on retainer for all the church buildings within the parish family to assess all the buildings for deferred maintenance. The Beacons of Light will be doing a financial assessment of giving, especially within different age groups. The assessment will be on what money will be coming in over the next five years. This is to assess how stable we are moving forward. The Easter mass schedule was discussed with lots of opportunities for Holy Week and the Easter weekend.

IV. Old Business
   a. Elections are coming up for next year on the Parish Council. There are 4 spots on the council to be voted on. Brad Feltz passed out the sheet that will need stuffed into the bulletins. The elections will be over the weekend of April 12th with help needed for passing out ballots and counting them at a later date. After much discussion, while google forms may be easier to tally the ballots, the validity of the ballots came into question and it was decided that paper ballots would be the only way to vote this election.
   b. Constitution update: all of the suggested changes were approved. New constitutions will be handed out at the May meeting with the new members.

V. New Business

a. The Eucharistic Commission needs another volunteer to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday at 7:30 mass. Erin Niekamp volunteered.
b. Calming the Storm mission updates: There were 24 people that showed up to the 3 discernment meetings. Brad wants to make a small core group to design the by-laws of the group and how to utilize the volunteers. Brad started off by organizing by "opportunities" "contacts" and "ministries" as well as a "how to" activate the ministries.

VI. Holy Reedemer Staff Updates and Announcements
a. Staff meeting was on Tuesday morning. Since there is no one to take notes during the meeting, a Google document was made to be shared amongst all staff members for the minutes for each staff meeting.
b. A Dayton Dragons outing for Holy Redeemer or the Christ our Light Family is potentially in the works for this summer.
c. The St. Joseph feast day went well today, Thursday, March 19th. There were 14 people that stayed for lunch.
d. Nick will be attending the Chrism mass on March 31st at 4:00 down in Cincinnati.
e. Sarah gave an Evangelization update
f. Normally we do Bottles for Babies with the Elizabeth New Life Center during Lent, they are going through some staff changes as well and the bottles will be set out in May around Mother's Day.
g. A new page was added on the Holy Redeemer website for a prayer request wall. The prayer requests can be anonymous and you can let others know when you have prayed for them.

VII. Pastor Comments and Announcements from Father Ken Schnipke
a. Father said they had a March Madness party for the staff today. They will be doing a gathering in April as well to look at goals that were set in November.
b. The Leadership Team will be having a 2 day retreat on Culture - a survey was distributed amongst the staff for this.
c. The Archdiocese has realeased the Parish Vitality Report for 2026. We continue to be a leading family within the Beacons of Light. Brad will send the report out to all of the members of the parish council. Father asked that all of the council members read the report and take the survey at the end.
d. Father Alt is continuing to have some mobility and balance issues and is off until June. Thank you to Father Don Gibbs for helping fill in at masses when needed.
e. St. Augustine hired 2 CRE's; Will Hahn for the Junior High and High School and Jeannette Wente for the Elementary.
f. Jodi Blindauer is stepping away from the Director of Evangelization position as of March 20th. Leadership has continued from her as we look to fill this position.
g. Nick Wilker has stepped in a supervisory role for the CRE's with all of the CRE's working well together.
h. Gail Mueller has been hired on as Director of Communications. She will not start until June as she is currently a teacher at Marion Local Schools. Sarah Mescher will continue to help through June with Lauren Schwartz assisting especially with the bulletin.
i. Sharon Kremer is stepping away as parish life coordinator.

j. Sharon Roeckner is stepping away from finance at MCC which potentially can become 2 part time positions at MCC.
k. Renovations Committee at Holy Redeemer have hired a consulting company to conduct a feasibility study.
l. St. Johns hired an Architect.
m. St. Augustine's steeple project is ongoing
n. Half of our parishes have done parking lot expansions with St. Joe looking to pave their parking lot.

VIII. New Meeting Date is Thursday, May 21 at 7pm in the conference room.

IX. Linda Baker motioned to adjourn the meeting with Mary Tangeman 2nd the motion. All were in favor of adjournment. Erin Niekamp closed out the meeting by leading us in the Beacons of Light Prayer.