Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council
Thursday, October 15, 2025 - 7:00 pm

Those present: Neil Homan, Teresa Wuebker, Janet Kronenberger, Maria Larger, Amy Speelman, Linda Baker, Amy Wilson, Mark Francis, Erin Niekamp

I. Call to Order by Mark Francis who led us in a Hail Mary
II. Special Guests: Jason This, Jeannette Paul, and Harold Stammen from the Holy Redeemer History Committee
    a. They are compiling history of the church to put together a book for the 75th Canonical Year Celebration. They are looking at the possibility of ordering #800, 250 glossy colored pages, hard cover books. Aside from history of the church, they plan to include baptisms, marriages, and deaths from the 75 years of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church. They also plan to include First Communion photos. Thoughts are that these historical events will take up around 60 pages within the book. They are also interviewing the remaining original members who helped in building the existing church. Other information will be from questionnaires filled out by Holy Redeemer parishioners. The committee has a $47,778 estimate from Messenger Press.
    b. Thoughts from the committee about moving forward is to budget for 1/2 of the book cost in the 2026 fiscal budget (will need a number by June 30, 2026). From that point forward they will begin with "pre orders" for the book which will be published by the celebration, June 15, 2027. This will allow for help from the church in publishing the books but also no depleting our savings. There is also a possibility of selling other items along with the book in commemoration of the 75th canonical year celebration.
III. Committee/Commission Update Reports
    a. Love in Action Commission - no report because they have not met.
    b. Stewardship Commission report was given by Amy Wilson. They had their first meeting and will be meeting again next week Tuesday. There are currently 11 members on the commission
        i. Finance committee update was given by Amy Speelman. The finance committee met and reviewed the balance of the checking and savings accounts from the last fiscal year. The HVAC system cost of $180,000 was not budgeted for and will cause us to tap into our savings. We have had donations of $43,000 and are still accepting any donation for this project. It is set to begin next week if everything goes according to plan.
        ii. Property committee update was not given due to Corey Steinke not being present.
    c. Eucharist Commission - no report because members were not present.
    d. Evangelization Commission met at the beginning of September and went over a lot of information with the CCD year starting.
        i. Little Saints will be meeting again this year
        ii. Final Forms for CCD registration worked well but not in all aspects (problems with CYO being separate)
        iii. VBS went really well even with moving it outdoors last minute
        iv. BINGO made $700 for the Youth
        v. Goals were set for the catechetical year
        vi. Jenny Sailer gave her resignation
    e. Unified Council met in September at St. Augustine
        i. Annual reports from the Christ Our Light family of parishes in regards to Beacons of Light are being compiled and sent to the archdiocese.

ii. 15 people are doing OCIA this year
iii. Giving is not keeping up with inflation across all 8 parishes
iv. Christmas mass schedule has been released
v. Archbishop Casey will be at the 5K at St. Charles
vi. The Diaconate meetings will be in McCartysville this time around
vii. Precious Blood moved their 830 mass to 9; 1030 mass to 11
viii. The Building committee for St. Johns is going through the insurance estimates and will host a Q&A session in November for the parishioners.

IV. Old Business
   a. HVAC system - discussed previously in Finance Committee

V. New Business
   a. History Committee - discussed previously in Special Guests

VI. Staff Updates from Brad via Mark Francis
   a. Looking at having the mail delivered to the church office. There is mail that is getting rejected with the post office box. This will save us the cost of a PO Box.
   b. HVAC is starting Monday, October 20, 2025 and will take 2-3 weeks
   c. Future Staffing Needs
      i. Janitorial
      ii. Maintenance
      iii. Office Staff
   d. Security Camera update - it will cost $24,000 to install a camera by the restroom and upgrade all other cameras to put all cameras onto one system. Currently the church cannot do a Wi-Fi camera unless an extender is purchased to put Wi-Fi into that area of the church. A possible solution would be to lock the door coming into the church by that entrance during the night, however it is not sure if the current locking system will allow that.
   e. There will by 2 CYO teams, 12 students are going to NCYC, and 1st reconciliation is Tuesday, November 18th.
   f. All Souls Mass will be on Tuesday, November 3rd
   g. Holy Redeemer Feast Day the weekend November 22-23; looking to do Sipping with the Saints and add other events to celebrate as a parish
   h. Looking to bring back Carlos Acutis Eucharistic Miracles Display
   i. Natural Family Planning will be required for all engaged couples starting next year
   j. Sarah Mescher is working on the Christ Our Light website and a possible podcast
   k. Parish Picnic in June 2027 for the 75th Canonical Year Celebration

VII. Pastor Comments - Father Ken was not present

VIII. Next meeting date : January 15, 2026 at 7:00 pm

IX. Teresa Wuebker motioned to adjourn with Neil Homan seconding the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was closed with the Beacons of Light prayer.