Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council
Thursday, October 15, 2026 - 7:00 pm

Those present: Mark Francis, Erin Niekamp, Linda Baker, Pete Reinhart, Stephanie Rahe, Joe Carte, Mindy Steinbrunner, and Kelly Inkrott

I. Call to Order by Mark Francis who led us in a Hail Mary
II. Special Guests - none
III. Committee/Commission Update Report
    a. Love in Action report from Mindy Steinbrunner. They met in the last month where they went over the ministries (contacts, what's going on, are they active). The prayer chain numbers have been declining so they are trying to figure out if they should expand with flocknotes to expand outreach online. The Stephen Ministries need a specific space for meeting those in need. Jeff and Shirley Elking are doing the Joy Boxes and the Bottles for Babies and continuing to help the ministries as needed.
    b. Stewardship
        i. Stewardship Commission update was given by Kelly Inkrott. The only new thing to report is that they will be passing out ministry pamphlets at Masses November 7th and 8th for Stewardship Sunday.
        ii. No finance report was available
        iii. Property update was given by Joe Carte. They have not had a meeting lately but they are working on replacing the ceiling in the office and Wohrmeyer Concrete is raising the concrete by the door and the curb. The door will cost around $500 and the curb will cost around $2000.
    c. Eucharist update was given by Pete Reinhart. The statue signs are almost done. Mother Teresa has a slight slant and the signs on the top statues are hard to read because of the height. Homan Interiors will be making new platforms to place the top statues on and allow for the signs to be visible. The next meeting will be held before Advent starts.
    d. Evangelization update was given by Stephanie Rahe. The commission met last week since the hiring of Carrie Albers as the Youth Activities coordinator. They went over Fundraising options and have reached out to Buffalo Wild Wings to raise money for Youth Activities. We have 2 teams for both the boys and girls this year for CYO. Christ Our Light family of parishes have 16 reserved spots for Damascus in June. The family will try and travel together between the 8 parishes for the March for Life this year. The CCD program had and Encounter with Jesus entitled Saul to Paul. It was a very moving experience for the CCD students. This year we have 27 catechists, 3 youth ministry volunteers, and 2 parking attendants for elementary and junior high students. The Gifts of caring this Advent will be different than in years past, but will continue. We are looking hosting service hours by offering a Gift Wrapping day for parishioners. They will be meeting again next month.

e. COL Unified Council update was given by Linda Baker. All 8 parishes are working on deferred maintenance in preparation for Family Unity Discernment. St. Augustine has found a new company to continue their work on the steeples. Family Unity Discernment for our Family of Parishes is January/February time frame; this will include the family planning team, staff members, and unified council members. St. Johns is still looking at settling the insurance - new church is more likely to come to come to fruition in 2030.

IV. Old Business
   a. No old business

V. New Business
   a. Dynamic Deacon November 29, 30, and December 1

VI. Holy Reedemer Staff Updates and Announcements
   a. Becky Kunkler from St. Sebastian was hired as the Christ Our Light Director of Evangelization

VII. Pastor Comments and Announcements from Father Ken Schnipke
   a. Father was not present so no pastoral comments

VIII. New Meeting Date is Thursday, January 21, 2027 at 7pm in the conference room.

IX. Mark Francis adjourned the meeting and led us with the Beacons of Light prayer.