

Parish of the Holy Savior
Finance Council & Pastoral Council
Budget Workshop

April 16, 2026

Attending: Father Aaron, Richie Philbrick (F), Jim Rinaldo (F), Leah Gauthier (F), Sharon Gates (P), Margaret Templeton (P), Catherine Napolitano-Ross (P), Tom Puiia (P), Jim White – ex officio, Linda Pepin – ex officio

Fr. Aaron opened the meeting at 4:30 pm with a prayer.

Fr. Aaron noted certain **highlights** of the proposed FY 2027 budget relative to the current year:

- Christmas Fair income estimate in line with previous years
- Offertory slightly down (reflected in budget)
- Contracted Services revenue in 2026 won't be in the 2027 budget (proceeds from Jennifer & Linda assisting Sacred Heart of Mary Parish)
- Organ purchase in 2026 was one-time cost
- Truck sale (\$30,000 proceeds) in 2026
- The current budget combines cemetery and parish income and expenses; those will be separated out in coming years.

Fr. Aaron noted this is the first year in recent history when the parish hasn't sold real estate. He reviewed **stable patrimony** (funds from sales go into stable patrimony for the parish. Interest can be accessed, principal generally cannot, except for approved capital expenditures.) For instance proceeds couldn't be used for an organ or furnace because that is replacing something already here; they could however be used if adding a classroom. He noted there has been conversation about combining into one the parish's numerous stable patrimony accounts. The diocese is working on this.

Father Aaron will look into the potential to use stable patrimony for the **votive candle stand** project at St. A & J, though he noted there is something to be said for people buying into a project with their own donations. Jim Rinaldo reviewed the plan to have the parish pay \$5,000 of the cost of the candle stand out of Christmas Fair funds; Knights and Daughters are being asked if they would like to contribute; and the remainder will be raised from parishioners.

Fr. Aaron stated the parish has checking **accounts** and Diocesan Savings and Loan (DSL) accounts, including bequests in the DSL. Some of those bequests are location-specific, i.e., to be used only at Our Lady of the Snows or only at St. A & J. He noted the budget, which Jennifer prepared before she left, is a guideline, and the parish tries very hard to live within its means.

There have been interviews of **candidates for the business coordinator** position. Fr. Aaron noted there may be variation in the insurance line depending on if a new hire uses the insurance offered.

The group discussed the budget line for **heating** fuel, with Jim White noting it may be worth considering bidding out the oil price vs. locking in a rate. The group discussed heat pumps at OLS, which are not saving energy dollars but are saving wear and tear on the furnace and provide a quieter atmosphere during Mass.

Fr. Aaron encouraged members to consider the budget and bring forward questions.

With regards to the sale of the dump truck, Jim White noted it may not have been used often but was definitely a need for certain tasks, primarily in the cemetery (clean-up, hauling tree limbs). To fill the need, he got quotes on dump trailers, and presented the information on an 8-ft dump trailer (one axle) – approx. \$5,100; and a 10-ft dump trailer (two axle) – approx. \$5,700. There was discussion of specifications and capabilities (hydraulic mechanism, 7-prong plug-in with electric brakes).

MOTION: Jim Rinaldo made a motion to purchase the 10-ft dump trailer. Leah Gauthier seconded.

Discussion: There are three members of the Finance Council present out of a total of 6 filled positions; therefore, a quorum is present. The empty position should be filled.

VOTE: Unanimous, motion carried.

Upcoming meetings:

Finance Council - May 21 at 4:30-6 pm

Pastoral and Finance Council - June 15 at 4:30 (Finance Council presents budget to Pastoral Council)

Father closed the meeting with a prayer at 5:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Pepin