

**SAINTS MARY AND JOSEPH PARISH
FINANCIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MARCH 16, 2026**

**PRESENT: Msgr. Marc, Al Cormier, Joe Lessard, Alan Phair, Sue Frazier, Rick Veilleux, Lorraine Thompson, Joe Carr, Steve Barretto, Russ Parolisi.
Absent: Steve Marullo.**

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM with prayer led by Fr. Marc.

Joe Carr presented his comments on the financial results for the 8 months ended February 28, 2026 (I have attached comments) which indicates donations are about 2/3 of our total income being 23K over budget and 24K better than previous year. The Spanish Mass reflected \$8,701 over budget which reflected \$5K from the healing Mass. Other collections are about \$8K over and Harvestfest was not included as this hasn't been profitable as it was intended more for community building.

The snowplowing cost of approximately \$19k resulted in an overage in the budget of \$32K.

A question was raised about the costs of the music ministry and Joe indicated that Jessica and Brenda were included in the payroll and when Jessica left we utilized various musicians and they are paid a stipend. When asked what the typical pay was Msgr. Marc indicated it could be anywhere from \$200 to \$300 per musician. Chris Pelonzi had stepped in to help when Jessica left and was paid the stipend, but is now on the payroll.

The assessments from the Diocese are dependent on what we receive in donations. In some instances the Diocese has reduced it minimally, but it is based on a 3 year average calculation. We have instances where they lowered it minimally and the next year they raised it substantially. Next year looks like we may be ok.

The organ renovation brought in \$83k which included \$25K from the KofC and \$38K was spent with \$45K to complete the work. It is expected to

utilize all of this money as during the renovation numerous other problems were found that need to be completed in the choir loft.

As shown on Joe's commentary, we continue to maintain \$85K in cash reserves in our central fund savings. Interest on these funds are minimal at the very least.

Msgr. Marc indicated there was no staffing update.

COMPLETED PROJECTS:

- 1. Complete the choir loft and area.**
- 2. Parking lot sealing at St. Joseph's completed.**
- 3. The new confessional at MQP is almost completed.**
- 4. The choir loft (see above) comments.**
- 5. MQP has a new cabinet for the Holy Oils.**

UPCOMING PROJECTS:

- 1. Parking lot striping is to be done at MQP and in response to questions of where the money was coming from for this as it wasn't budgeted, it was mentioned that the KofC was paying for this. Paul is going to get bids.**
- 2. The ADA compliant restrooms at MQP are in the beginning construction stage.**
- 3. Members of the Committee mentioned that there needs to be a renovation of Julie Hall down the road as it is dated. One items that needs more immediate attention is the back entrance – Msgr. Marc indicated that a young man was going to undertake that project.**

NEW AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1. Due to a few questions on our role as members of the Finance Counsel, Rick gave all a copy of the Diocesan description and read it. There were a few areas on the description that brought about discussion and requires monitoring by members, such as the need to review expenses monthly; review the checking**

accounts including expenditures. Susan agreed to do a random review of bank account reconciliations which is a requirement of the Finance Council

2. Joe Carr apologized to Msgr. Marc for having sent out the email related to contemplation of retirement and Rick indicated he will work with Joe to learn some of the procedures. Joe also acknowledged that he puts in approximately 10 hours per week on our accounts – some of which he is able to do from home.
3. Susan mentioned that there are many individuals who are willing to put in the weekly hours to continue the work that Joe Carr has been doing as she had been doing this throughout her career.
4. Susan also mentioned that perhaps we should have a monthly update to advise all of what is happening.
5. Relating to a "project wish list", Susan brought up that we should look into a schedule program for EM's and Lectors to be able to perhaps help at both locations depending on time schedules. Susan and Lorraine will work on this project to see what is available, cost, etc.
6. Rick said he would work with Joe Carr to develop a job description for the parish staff accountant.
7. Joe Carr will prepare and present the parish budget for the 2026/2027 fiscal year at our next meeting in May.

Steve Barretto mentioned that he would like to investigate energy cost reductions.

A question was raised on when to present the budget to the parishioners and Al Cormier briefed the committee on how it was done previously with the information being in the bulletin and presenting it to the parishioners at Mass.

As for the proposed timetable, it was suggested that perhaps the beginning of November would be a good time.

The financial year ends in June.