

Approved: Lumen Christi Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes—August 19, 2025

Present: Fr. Matthew Jacob, Jim Ott, Mary Tobin, Lisa Wright, Doug Patch, Manny Martinez, Greg Von Roenn. Dan Van Housen. Visitors: Steve Pollock and Steve Storch

The meeting began at 7:04 with a reading and reflection of the Gospel of Luke 13:22-30.

June Minutes Approval

Jim Ott made a motion and Greg Von Roenn seconded the motion to approve the June meeting minutes.

Financial Update

Jane Bartlett presented the annual budget and parish financial status.

- FY2025 ended with \$23K surplus, which is unrestricted
- 2026 Balanced Budget: parish revenue and expenses are increasing. Salaries and benefits are the biggest expense. School tuition and Catholic formation are the main sources of revenue through tuition and fees.
- Will start expensing interest in operations
- Love One Another Campaign: 2 ½ years into this campaign; receiving quarterly payments currently at 60% and moving to 80%
- Envelope/offertory projected to increase 5.5% in FY2026. The base level of parishioners is being maintained with an increased amount of giving each year.
- There was \$90,000 in "other revenue" for FY2025 from non-parishioner giving

Commission Reports:

- There was no discussion about the submitted commission reports.
- Lisa shared that the new parishioner breakfast will take place in October; a date is being finalized.

Pastoral Update Planning

- Starting process for pastoral plan; the last planning was started in 2019, prior to Covid.
- Will need collaboration with staff
- Fr. Matthew asked Pastoral Council members to submit 10 parish strengths and 10 areas for improvement before the next meeting. Lisa Wright will create a form and will send to the Council members. This will be our September meeting discussion topic.
- Staff to provide similar input; the goal will be a consolidated list to review.
- Goal is to have a list of priorities by October.
- The Advent Retreat with parish leadership team, faculty, staff, and Pastoral Council will be an ideal place to get to know each other and respective ministries

plus create a roadmap of where we want to see the parish in the next 3-5 years. This event will be held 11/19. The Parish Census will be released around this time as well

- As part of planning preparation there is a need to have a mindset of “looking beyond what we are doing”
 - For example: focus on increasing engagement, especially of young families and youth
- Dan Van Housen asked how the school and the school commission will be involved:
 - Need to do a better job of engagement with school families
 - Fr. Matthew shared that on 8/19 school kick-off began with a day of prayer

Upcoming Events

- Pallium Lecture on 9/4 at 7 pm at Brookfield Conference Center
- Parish Night Life 9/9, next Pastoral Council meeting 9/16
- Parish picnic on 9/20 - Council presence requested
- Golf fundraiser, Banquet, and Dinner 9/24 for Jim Luther New Hope Center at Kettle Hills Golf Course
- Training for Liturgical Ministries on 10/11
- Parish commitment/survey to be sent in November

Meeting ended at 8:17, and vespers followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Wright