

**Holy Cross Catholic Parish**  
**Parish Council Meeting**  
**September 23, 2025 Quarterly Meeting**

Present: Fr. Randy Schon, Deacon Dale Tigges, Tim Swedean, Al Metz, Teresa Schwietz, Deacon Pat Brockhaus, Sister Lumen, Mary Jane Mousel, Tim Brown.

The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved unanimously.

**Committee Reports:**

**Fellowship:** Teresa and Al reported:

We are working on the “Raise the Roof” fundraiser. So far about 60 tickets have been sold. Curious Catholic numbers were down a little, but still good. We are always looking for more topics and will put a box in the back of the churches for suggestions. The parish fall dinner went well, and there were more things for the kids to do this year.

**Liturgy:** Mary Jane Mousel reported:

Three people were trained to be EHC on Wednesday, September 10, and 11 people were trained on September 21. They will all be commissioned during a Mass sometime in October.

We had our first meeting for confirmation candidates on Sunday, September 14. 37 students attended the meeting. Some did not attend and are not receiving the sacrament or will need to meet with Mary Jane later this week. Confirmation is March 1, 2026.

First reconciliation meeting will be on September 28, with a possible total of 37 students on the list. First reconciliation is February 3, 2026.

This year we have introduced a Mass booklet to our students who are preparing for the sacraments of eucharist and confirmation. They will bring their booklets to Mass on weekends and holy days to have Father, a deacon, or Sister sign or stamp. If they attend a different church on a weekend, the priest at that church can sign. We are trying to teach the children and parents that going to Mass on weekends and holy days is an integral part of Catholic doctrine.

Sister Lumen has spoken to some parishioners about being sacristans. She will be training them very soon.

The Christmas Mass schedule will include the Christmas Vigil on December 24 at both churches at 4:30 p.m. This may be the last time that we can do this, as Fr. Shane Deman will be available to celebrate the Mass at St. Michael while Fr. Schon has Blessed Sacrament. We will also have 8 p.m. Christmas Eve at Blessed Sacrament, midnight Mass at St. Michael, and Christmas morning Masses at 7:30 at Blessed Sacrament and 9 a.m. at St. Michael.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Deacon Pat Brockhaus reported:

Work on the roofs have been completed for now. We are getting bids on new front steps at the Blessed Sacrament entrance. We will try to fix the south side ourselves. This project will take about two weeks. We have ordered 500 light bulbs @ \$2.50 each to replace old lights at churches and parish halls. We have ordered new tubes for one of our boilers and are waiting for them. We have a new person in charge of putting chemicals in our boilers. This will cost \$3000 but hopefully he will fix issues we have had.

Barklay completed the work at Blessed Sacrament parking lot. We are hoping to do the St. Michael parking lot next year. Air conditioning in the kitchen is operating well. We are having problems with the controls at Blessed Sacrament and will look at modifications there. We received a bequest, and are receiving bids for carpet at St. Michael Church. Diocesan policy now requires tile rather than carpet in the sanctuary area, all the way down to the front row.

Building and Grounds committee is just getting started. Members are Nate Foulk, Tim Brown, Pat Brockhaus, Andrew Sprague, Ken Ritz, Bob Kleinschmidt. We are looking for an HVAC person.

A new ice machine was installed by Lawler Fixture. This was paid with funds from our fish dinners. There was no charge on the installation.

The parish would like to personally thank all people who provide services at little or no cost to the parish. Their help is always appreciated.

**Finance:** Tim Swedan and Julie Mahaney reported:

We had our first year with a positive net income since the merger. Lower expenses for the year really helped. We are always planning ahead on future repairs.

**Faith Formation:** Sister Lumen and Deacon Pat Brockhaus reported:

PREP classes have begun, with numbers down a little. Training for assistants will be from 6 to 7 at St. Michael on October 28 and 30.

Edge Group: We are looking for someone to be in charge of this group. We will start the year late due to not having this position filled.

The next meeting will be at 6 p.m. on January 27, 2026.