

MINUTES FOR ST. JOHN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

April 28, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER/OPENING PRAYER: Jeremy Fisher called the meeting to order at 6:45 and Fr. Richard said the opening prayer.

II. ROLL CALL: Present: Fr. Richard, Deacon Ken, Jeremy Fisher, Julie Koledo, Sally Jackson.

Absent: Trevor Wheeler, Carol and Steve Konkol.

III. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Everyone received and reviewed the minutes prior to the meeting and they were approved as written.

IV. REPORTS FROM FATHER, OFFICERS, AND/OR COMMITTEES:

1. Father would like the Parish Council to make a proposal to the Finance Council re: a series of maintenance projects that need to be undertaken, per the following schedule:

2026 – 2027	Baptismal font Altar floor redone
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2027 – 2028	Office carpet Sound system
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2028 – 2029	Church carpet Church pews
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- The council members walked through the church to view what needs to be done. Some of the tiles on the baptismal font are missing and it's leaking around the vents. Fr. would like to replace the tiles with a sand-colored stone. The carpet on the altar is also quite worn and both projects are a priority.
- Fr. reported that they've had a technician look at the sound system. (It was reported recently that there was a problem with the sound in the cry room.) The technician said that the system has been cobbled together, but that we may still get a couple of years out of it.

- Church pews will also need to be re-upholstered, but that will be in Year III of the current plan.
- It was agreed that the next fundraiser will be used for the Baptismal Font.
- We're also going to need to put in security cameras at some point.
- There are also windows that are going to need to be replaced soon. Some of the seals have already gone bad, and we're getting moisture in. We also have broken windows in the school entrance.
- Garden Angels – Father wants to put together a steering team to make a landscaping plan and decide where flowers go. The section in the middle of the Rectory driveway would make a great flower bed. We will be collecting names after Mass of people who are willing to serve, either on the steering committee or as weeders.
- We also discussed putting in heavy planters in front of the church that could also serve as bollards, since that may be part of the security expectations for parishes in the future.
- Father noted that, among the expenditures we're going to have in the near future, is a \$14000 dollar bill to seal the parking lot this year.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. By-laws—we still don't have the by-laws back from Fr. Craig. We're going to need his signature before we can send them to the diocese for approval.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Safety Plan is part of the Usher Guidelines, and Deacon Ken will bring those in for discussion at our next meeting. Most of the things that need to be done as part of our safety precautions involve the ushers.
2. Usher Guidelines—Julie Koledo wants to meet with one of the ushers to go through procedures. The aim is to develop a training guide. The current guide is 14 pages, which needs to be condensed. She and Sally Jackson will meet with Fr.

after our meeting tonight and send the results to Al, who will see that the rest of the council gets them.

3. Deacon Ken talked about our college student from Ecuador who was recently confirmed. She seemed to enjoy her experience at St. John this year.
4. Deacon Ken and Father Richard will be hosting the CCD teachers at Charlies on June 4th.
5. Fr. also informed us that Holly's CCD class made the 10 Commandments that he'd like to have hung up in the church.

VII. ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER: Deacon Ken said the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: May 26, 2026