



Common Meeting Night – May 14, 2025

SFC Building & Grounds

Concrete has been installed at the church entrance. Members have decided to move forward with a quote for concrete work at other areas of the church and at the school. Other items of discussion included rebuilding the door frame in the school basement, installation of Adoration Chapel door, and planning the landscaping for the front of the church.

SMIC Building & Grounds

Various repairs/improvements have been made, including tuck pointing on the church & school, church bell tower shutters replaced, bell tower clock re-painted and fixed, church hall dishwasher fixed, rectory front step gap filled, and other repairs/improvements addressed when issues had arisen. Excavation between the church and rectory is in its beginning stages. The gym and transept roofs, church elevator, and gable roof by entrance to lobby are projects/bids that are being looked into.

Combined Prayer & Worship

There has been rather light attendance at the First Friday/Candlelight Masses. Members are hoping to find ways to increase turnout. The SFC wedding booklet will soon be updated, the Pentecost vigil has been extended, and the Corpus Christi route will be the same as last year. Further discussions pointed to having a blurb in the bulletin about communion rail etiquette and the need for more lectors and servers.

Combined Stewardship

There are quite a few upcoming changes/events. Fr. Kevin Harmon will be moving on to his new assignment mid-June, but not before both SFC and SMIC say good-bye. Our new Associate Pastor, Fr. Brady Gagne, will have his welcome Masses at SFC and SMIC near the end of June. Smile flowers donation/assembly will be at both parishes mid-July.

SFC School Advisory Board

Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year is up to 208 students. Long-term subs have filled positions for the K4 and 4th grade classes. Changes to the attendance policy were additionally discussed.

Combined Human Concerns

Family Promise had a food drive at SFC with confirmation students organizing donations for delivery to the charity. SMIC will have their food drive in July. A back to school bag collection is in the works for the summer. Recently, Seed of Hope had their geranium flower sale for Mother's Day at both parishes. The Haiti Ministry has quite a few changes, since Marianne Boehme's passing. Updates will be provided in the e-bulletin and after Masses a few times a month. With political unrest, food and money shortages, and constant threats of violence, prayers are greatly needed.

Combined Formation/Evangelization

A new high school/young adult coordinator has been hired. There is going to be one coordinator for children and family, and another for high school and young adults. Preparation for the walking pilgrimage to Holy Hill is underway.

Pastoral Council Minutes

May 14th, 2025

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: SMIC

Attendees: STAFF

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fr. Strand	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fr. Kevin Harmon	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chris Chlebek (Joint finance)
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	(Sem. Intern) Nicholas Waddell	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don Theisen (SMIC finance)

Immaculate Conception (Term-End)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Joe Gresser (Trustee) 1-24	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mary Swosinski (Trustee) 4-25	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mary Hernikl 1-26 (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Melinda Jessup 1-25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Reichert 1-27
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brian Staehler 1-26 (Vice Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kathleen Paul 2-25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mitch Zieseimer 2-27
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Harold Siercks (Secretary) 2-25	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bob Jandre 1-24	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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Saint Frances Cabrini (Term-End)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dave Kohlmann (Trustee) 5-26	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	James Surprenant (Trustee) 1-25	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gary Coyne 1-26
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jean Jones (Chair) 1-27	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dave Talbot 1-24	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dave Zimbal 2-24
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kim Nielsen (Vice Chair) 1-27	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Murphy 2-26	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anne Siikarla 1-26
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cathy Fichtner (Secretary) 1-26	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dave Vogel 1-25	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lysette Kopecky 2-27

Meeting Topics:

- **Opening Prayer**
 - Meeting started in Church at 6PM with Adoration and prayers.
- **Review and approval of past minutes**
 - Minutes from Combined Pastoral Council and Committee Reports from 3-12-25 were approved as presented.
- **Pastor's Report**
 - Deacon Waddell has now moved into the Priests House at SMIC. Fr Strand invited us, and Parish members, to invite him into your homes and activities so that he can get to know Parish members and the life of the Parish.
 - The Young Adult program will be getting started. This is looking to include 18-35 year olds (not exclusively) to participate in activities and help them grow their faith.
 - Our new Pope has taken the name of Leo, with inspiration from Leo XIII who stressed the need to uphold the dignity of workers and society in general after the changes from the Industrial Revolution. Pope Leo XIV is concerned about similar stresses placed on society with the on-going Artificial Intelligence revolution.
- **Combined Parish Catholic Formation Status**
 - As we combine the two Parishes programs we need to be aware of being too attached to the ways we have known and are comfortable with. There will be some changes going forth.
- **Budgets**
 - At SMIC continued Stewardship contributions and bequests from families allowed us to do some extra projects around the campus and end the fiscal year with an operating surplus. SMIC will be presenting the upcoming budget with a projected surplus.
 - At SFC Stewardship is down in general and in particular due to the loss of a generous donor. This was partially offset by a bequest, but the Parish will end the fiscal year with a deficit. At this time SFC will be presenting the next budget with a predicted deficit. Due to these conditions, Fr Strand will be discussing the financial status at SFC in upcoming homilies and requesting increased Stewardship if possible. From a question from the Council, deficits are made up by withdrawals from our money market fund.

- **New Marriage Preparation Program**
 - Using the “Witness to Love” program engaged couples will be spending more time with mentor couples as they prepare for married and Parish life. The engaged couples can ask for a married couple they prefer within the Parish.
- **Plan for Revival and Expansion of Small Groups**
 - Some of our small groups have been meeting pretty regularly for up to 15 years. These groups help develop a life of faith and friendship. We will look to reviving some of the existing and past groups and establish leaders for additional small groups. We plan on sending prospective leaders to an upcoming conference on the program and with 6-9 months of training and preparation start new small groups in early 2026.
- **Discernment Night - June 3**
 - We discussed those coming off of Parish Council due to terms expiring and outlined the desired Council membership. A Parish Council is generally made up of 7 members at large along with the Priest(s), Trustees, and Financial Council representatives. We would look to have 4 members from SFC and 3 members from SMIC, and an additional member from SFC as a school representative. For Trustees, one can be nominated from the Parish with at least 10 signatures of support or appointed by the Pastor. If more than the two trustees are nominated there would be a Parish vote. At the conclusion of the meeting we appeared to have the new Combined Council members and Trustees established.
- **Closing Prayer**
 - Fr Strand closed the meeting with a prayer and thanks to all those that have served on the Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **(To be presented to the group and then summarized)**

NEXT MEETING

- **Tuesday, June 3rd, 6:00 PM location TBD – If necessary**