

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, Oct. 6, 2025

Meeting Began: 6:49 pm

In Attendance: Fr. Bob Franco, Fr. Isidore Munishi, Marilyn Sgro, Annette Kramer, Janis Van Dyke, Denny Johnson, David Bogstad, Shelley Klemens (Absent: Jackie Madisen, Deacon Dell, Cheryle Koberna)

- Fr. Bob opened with a prayer
- The Gospel was read by Annette Kramer and Dave Bogstad

Prime Matters Podcast Review:

- Reviewed Part 2: Fall Episode 6, The Test, Episode 7, The Fall of Adam and Eve
 - The Bible refers to “fruit”, not apple.
 - Adam and Eve were ruled by emotions, fear of death
 - Listen to Part 3: Covenant Episodes 9, 10, 11

Minutes:

- Minutes from September were reviewed and approved by Annette Kramer and Denny Johnson

Pastor's Report:

- *School Updates*
 - Planning for next year 2026-27 school year
 - Discussion on school expansion and space constraints, including options for new classrooms and preschool facilities.
 - Space shortage prompted exploration of expanding preschool capacity.
 - Options considered: renovate St. Julie's educational wing or add 2 classrooms to the current school.
 - Expansion may require increased loans/funding.
 - The State of Ohio mandates preschool classroom size: max 18 children per room.
 - Trailer classrooms considered but noted as expensive; rental example cited at \$100,000/year.
- *Building on the Rock*
 - Marous Brothers has not responded to the diocese regarding contract revisions.

- Bank proposals exchanged; First Federal of Lakewood and Diocese both submitted proposals.
- Engineering permit remains unresolved; city review ongoing for approximately 18 months.
- The engineering permit has an outstanding issue.
- Need a signed contract from the Bishop before work can begin.
- *Vision Statement*
 - Parish Vision, Evangelization, and Engagement Strategies
 - We should do what God is calling us to do to know, love, and serve Christ through organized groups and activities.
 - Promote deeper understanding of the Mass via talks, YouTube resources, and supplemental materials (e.g., booklets, meditations).
 - Implement 'One Thing Challenge'—suggesting specific actions for knowing, loving, and serving Christ.
 - Increase outreach through bulletins, social media, and public events to engage both active and non-attending parishioners.
 - Encourage youth involvement and public visibility to address misconceptions and foster openness about Catholic faith.
- Church Doors: Dead Bolts
 - Could not get into church Monday, October 6, 2025, due to issue with dead bolts.
 - Locksmith called
 - Annette Kramer to provide locksmith information to Fr. Bob

Old Business:

- *150th Jubilee Year*
 - Committee has not met in a while
 - Rosary Garden Dedication and Donor Recognition, Tuesday, October 7, 2025
 - The rosary garden is essentially finished except for some lights.
 - Jesus statue placed in garden; lights for statue pending installation.
 - Boy Scouts to participate in the dedication event; present flag.
 - Discussion on adding a plaque for in-kind donors and those who contributed to the garden.
 - Multiple families expressed interest in donating or being recognized for contributions; memorial plaques already completed.
 - Coordinate student thank-you letters

- Work with Mr. Brooks to have students write thank-you letters to businesses and donors.
 - November: Gratitude cards distributed at mass
 - December: December 14, Luncheon with the Bishop after noon mass.
 - Will be on the bulletin soon. Reservations required.
- East Stairs - A concern was raised regarding the narrowing of the east staircase due to the air conditioning unit's cement pad.
 - Currently, there is no proposed solution for this issue.

New Business:

- Church Sound System and Accessibility Improvements
 - Sound quality differs between front and back of church.
 - The back area uses an ambient microphone above the main door, which picks up background noise and voices.
 - Speech clarity improves with use of a larger microphone, especially for online listeners.
 - Feedback led to adoption of the big microphone for clearer audio.

Next Meeting:

- Monday, November 17, 2025 at 6:45 pm
 - Jackie Madisen unable to attend due to PSR
 - Shelley Klemens will take notes
- Gospel Readers: Janis Van Dyke and Shelley Klemens

Closing Prayer: Fr. Isidore

Meeting Adjourned: 8:20 pm