

# Parish Council Minutes June 10, 2025, 7:00 PM

Present: Kristin Kupper, Fr. Padgett, Joe Weis, Zak McKinley, Barb Schaffer.

Motion to approve the minutes by Zak McKinley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Weis– motion passed.

## Maintenance

- The chimney at St. Brigid needs a new cap and possibly additional work.
- Work on the gutters of St. James's rectory has been completed.
- Roof work at St. James is expected to be complete in July, 2025.
- A coolant line has been cut on the air conditioning unit at St. James.
- A dumpster has been filled with trash and yard waste from the facilities both parishes. A new dumpster will be brought. Clean up will continue throughout the summer.

## Finance

- Online giving transition is going well.
- Approximately \$80,000 has been raised by the spread the love campaign. Mike Polio thinks we can raise up to \$120,000.
- St. James's financials are complete through March 2025.

## Deanery Meeting

- The meeting with the Deanery went well for both parishes.
- The only issue he found was flowers which had been placed on the side altar stone at St. Brigid.
- St. James School is not ADA compliant, which limits the profit margin if it is closed and sold.

## School

- Angie Hiland has been hired as the director of enrollment and will start on July 1, 2025. She will report directly to Fr. Gary and will have an office in the St. James rectory. She will work full time and the funding for her salary came from a donation.
- We are looking at replacing some lights at the school with LEDs to help make it brighter.
- We are looking at developing a recruitment calendar to help with enrollment.
- Many students at the school have become Catholic and been Baptized.
- Every 8<sup>th</sup> grader from the class of 2025 is going to Catholic high school.

## Archdiocese Reorganization

- The diocese currently has 109 parishes. This number must decrease because we do not have enough priests to staff them.
- Approximately 30% of the archdiocese's priests are from another country. New immigration policy is making it difficult for both seminarians and priests from other countries to come here and serve. This will further exacerbate the priest shortage issue.
- Most of the changes during the reorganization will occur in the outlying counties.
- There is the potential we will need to merge our parishes. To plan for this, we need to look at successful parish merges in other states.
- Parish council members will individually fill out sections b and c of the report.
- At the next meeting, we will discuss how to perform a parish census.

Next meeting is set for 7/8/25