

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

October 13, 2025 – Upper Room, 6 pm

In Attendance: Fr. Ivan Kalamuzi, Ben Braun, Laura Keener, Sean Kunath, Pete Manczyk, Mary Ellen McDaniel, Ambrocio Mendez, Tobias Nathe. Absent: Sheila Bacon, Michael Heinrichs, Jeff Talbert.

Opening Prayer: Fr. Ivan Kalamuzi

September Minutes: Approved via email, September 29, 2025.

Focused Topics:

Honorees for the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (12/15), Advent and December Schedule

Scripture for Reflection:

“Slaves, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in singleness of heart, fearing the Lord. Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you are serving the Lord Christ” (Colossians 3:22-24).

Appreciation Dinner

Tina Thompson and Lois Grothaus will be awarded for their service in the parish office.

The school has recommended Carole Talbert as their nominee.

Ted Arlinghaus and Paul Naberhaus were last year’s parish nominees. They are not parishioners. This year we’re hoping for a male and female, parishioners. Prior to that, we had Mary Carol Heidrich.

Anita Rice, Rita Jackson, and Rosemary Fangmeyer are potential nominees.

Blair Thompson and Steve Heidrich are potential nominees.

Anita will be the nominee if she hasn’t been honored yet, otherwise it will be Rita Jackson (Tobias will check; Update: Anita was indeed honored), together with Blair Thompson.

Fr. Ivan will be gone 11/20-12/8, so the Appreciation Dinner will not be held on the second Monday of the month, per usual, but rather on the following Monday, December 15 at 6 pm.

Advent and December Schedule

The Tuesday penance service has been moved from 12/9 to **December 16 at 7 pm**, in light of the fact that Fr. Ivan will be out of the country until 12/8.

On 12/26, Friday there will be our regular 8 am Mass. On 12/27, the Saturday evening Mass will be in honor of the Holy Family, just as the 8 am and 10 am on Sunday, 12/28.

Pete Manczyk will be sending to the parish council and Becki the finalized version of the schedule.

Fr. Ivan's Closing Comments

One question is whether a Resource Officer should be hired (estimated cost, \$100k/year) at our parish and other parishes in the diocese. Or – to what extent should parishioners be identified as security personnel in one fashion or another? This is an ongoing discussion.

The Church Renovation Phase 1 is almost done. The two sacristies are yet to be painted and tiled. When they are done, that should complete phase 1.

Phase 2 will be mostly furnishings and the reredos. The windows await to be changed/replaced. Fr. Ivan has replaced the previous statue of Mary – now in the school – with another in the parish. The corresponding statute of Jesus will eventually be placed by the confessional, while a St. Joseph statue takes its place up front.

Proposals for Phase 2 still need to be made to and accepted by the Worship Committee of the Diocese.

The Gym discussion has resurfaced because St. Joseph the Worker is no longer in the picture. St. Anthony's is again at the forefront of Paul Naberhaus' financial considerations.

The quote Paul Naberhaus received for a new gym is now over \$1.5 million, but he believes with a few cuts he can get it done for \$1,380,000. He is willing to go halfway if we can come up with over 700k to match.

But if St. Anthony's can't afford it, Paul is willing to put up to \$750k toward a different project at St. Anthony's. One consideration involves improving the soccer field while adding volleyball courts.

Another suggestion, proffered by Fr. Ivan, is to have Holy Cross and their affiliates go in on the gym price under the precondition that they use the facility for wrestling, etc., as they are currently requesting the use of Fleming Hall. The difference that St. Anthony's would have to contribute financially would then be considerably less.

Addendum: Parish Council Ministry Reports

Sean Kunath

- With One Heart posters have been finalized and printed. We will hang them up in the vestibule of the church in the next week.
- Our team is currently working on a proposal to revitalize/bolster our parish ministries and a proposal to bridge the gap between the Anglo and Guatemalan communities

Pete Manczyk

1. Nothing new to report regarding the Covington Deanery Pastoral Council.

2. Flocknote messages continue to be sent on a regular basis, including the “Diocese of Covington Media” and “Nugget from Fr. Ivan’s Homily” emails.
3. Social Media messages continue to be posted to both Facebook and Twitter (X). While mostly Diocesan messages, we have started to include more parish content as well. Pete will attend additional social media training on Friday, October 24.
4. No update on the new website. Next steps include training to facilitate the future transition to the new website.
5. There is a Pilgrimage video created by Becki Walker on the front page of the website.
6. The Men’s Group celebrated its 21st Anniversary and was responsible for putting up the Pro-Life Crosses on Saturday, October 11. They will stay up until Saturday, October 25.

Mary Ellen McDaniel

I did want to express my thanks to Pete for assisting with the reservations for our September Pilgrimage, and thanks to Fr.Ivan for the wonderful prayers and sweet remarks about our St.Anthony community.

Also, sending out a note to Brother Luke at the Abbey for his wonderful tour and assisting me with the arrangements for the day. Another note to Mark Meade at Bellarmine University for all his insights and information on Thomas Merton and their library. It was a beautiful day and inspirational Pilgrimage.

The month of September started up again with our Coffee and donuts. A bit of a hiccup with a wedding on that day, but the weather cooperated and having it outside worked out. I sponsored the September date. We are still in need of other sponsors for the year, including this Sunday, October 19!! The women's group is taking November. Any suggestions are welcome!

October is our Respect Life month, and I scheduled the Carenet speakers for this past weekend Oct.11 and 12. I will check if more Baby Bottles are needed. Pick up is scheduled for Nov.8 and 9. I had asked Becki to put this note in the Bulletin last week...

There are a couple of inspirational Shows out right now that I think we should Promote.

Starting locally in theaters on October 10- " Soul On Fire"

A tragic accident leaves 9-year-old John O'Leary with burns covering 100% of his body. He soon embarks on a miraculous road to recovery with support from family, the community, and baseball announcer Jack Buck. Grateful for the gift of life, John becomes a motivational speaker who inspires millions of people to make the world a better place.

FRASSATI- coming to the Aronoff for Very Limited Performance, October 17-19

Experience the remarkable life of the now Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati like never before in *Frassati*, the critically acclaimed stage production by playwright Jeremy Stanbary. In this newly updated touring edition—marking the 100th anniversary of his death and celebrating his canonization—*Frassati* offers audiences across America and beyond a chance to encounter a life of radical faith, boundless joy, and spiritual heroism.

By---The Angelico Project is a *non-profit Catholic arts and culture initiative* based in Cincinnati.

Tobias Nathe

Faith formation is under the umbrella of the With One Heart campaign for now.

As part of our social justice ministry -- the 40 Days for Life campaign is in full swing outside the Planned Parenthood on Auburn Ave., in Cincinnati. St. Anthony's assigned date is, as usual, the last Sunday of the campaign -- November 2, from 7 am - 2 pm. That's a lot of hours! We all need to pitch in and come pray if we can.

Our great hope is that the Guatemalan community will take up some hours as well!

Announcements and the sign-up sheet should be out on Sunday. If you want me to sign you up ahead of time, just let me know tonight or via email.

Jeff Talbert

Instead of a Halloween Fest PTO will host a Family Fall Fun Night in the evening of Friday, November 21st.

This will be a fun get together with themed baskets that will be made by each home room to be raffled.

Gold Star restaurant night planned for Wednesday, November 12th.

Texas Roadhouse and Mike's Carwash gift card fundraiser will begin November 12th and go thru December 1st.

Students from grades 5-8 will be headed to Heritage Bank Arena on Tuesday, November 18th to watch the Cyclones play and experience some science fun at the same time.