

**Corpus Christi Parish
Council Meeting
November 18th, 2025**

In Attendance: Bill Krouse, Derrick Lebryk, Chris Stuhldreher, Richard Greiff, Annette Whitacker and Marvin Winkeler

Ex-Officio in Attendance: Fr. Paul Wienhoff, Michele Stroot, Neil Jansen

Excused: Jen Derickson, David Hill, Laurie Wiley

Ex-Officio Excused: None

The meeting was opened with an Our Father led by Bill Krouse at 7:05 PM.

Minutes of last meeting: One minor correction- on Partnership Picnic weekend, there were no Masses on Sunday morning but there was one at 4:30 PM at Corpus Christi. Annette motioned to accept as amended. Chris Stuhldreher seconded. Motion carried.

FINANCE

Revenues are under budget (down about \$16,000). Expenses are a bit over budget. Cash position is very good - \$344K versus \$262K last year. Debt reduction is up \$20K. Current budget is for a \$2k deficit. Chicken dinner brought in \$10,700 on 815 dinners. Solar panels – Ameren rebate received. State of Illinois rebate is still outstanding.

LITURGICAL

- Committee will meet in January 2026.
- Dec. 1st – Advent Penance Service – 7:00 PM at Corpus Christi
- Dec. 6 – 6:00 PM – Winter’s Aire Concert at Corpus Christi
- Dec. 8 – Immaculate Conception – Masses only on Monday – 12:10 PM at St. Joe and 7 PM at Corpus
- St. Joseph – McKendree – Reconciliation on 4th Monday of the month – 6:00 – 7:00 PM. No one first week, 4 the next week and recently had 6.
- Dec. 31 – 4:30 PM Mass at Corpus; Jan. 1 - 9:00 AM Mass at St. Joseph.
- Catholic Schools Week – speakers and participants from school on the weekend of Jan. 25th.

PASTORAL/SOCIAL

- Council Christmas party – Monday, Dec. 15th
- Trivia Night- 1/31/26
- Mouse Races- have moved to Feb. 28 due to conflict with St. Clare School auction.
- Mardi Gras party moved to Feb. 8th.
- Chili and Cookies – will also be Feb. 8th.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

- Kitchen refrigerator leak fixed. The food warmer has been repaired, and the power switch is working.
- Door on north side of the parish center is broken and needs to be looked at. All Parish Center doors need to be accessed.
- Still have squirrels getting into Grootens. Ken Diekemper patched one entry point and is addressing a second. These are only temporary. Long term solution needed.
- Ameren is replacing lighting in Church – part of free upgrade to lighting.

- Catholic Mutual Insurance adjuster visiting this week. Will request review of the doors on Parish Center.

YOUTH MINISTRY –

- Pumpkin decorating project netted \$200.
- No students in attendance for Box of Joy assembly.
- 6 in attendance for Friendsgiving.
- Fridays are popular night for the students attending this year. Adult leaders are looking for a meeting or two on another night.
- **Joseph House**
 - Averaging 130-140. Did hit 156 one night.
 - Received a grant for \$3500 to cover operating.
 - Paper goods costs are still covered by donations.
 - Had St. Joe rectory garage painted to provide seating space as the weather turns colder.

COMMUNICATION –

- New Website platform is ready. Currently maintaining both until cutover. More functionality.
- Diocese is encouraging FLOCKNOTES. Has capability for photos. There might be an alternative to a Parish Directory. More research.

EDUCATION-

- **PSR** – Student Child Protection training will be in February. Teachers are already certified.
- **CLW**- Resumed Aug. 10th. Total of 5 rotating teachers. Will be offered during Partnership Mass. No class on Oct. 12th and Nov. 30th. Adding session on Dec. 21st.
- St. Clare School Open House will be January 25th. Auction is in March.
- Appears that the Boy Scout troop will be folding due to lack of participants.

OUTREACH –

- **C3M** – Filling exam bags for college students. Donations down.
- **Homebound** – List was updated in June 2025. Currently sending cards to 60 people.
- Cheryl Heimerman making effort to reach out to homebound with such things as “Word Among Us” and the like.
- The group also sends cards every few months to Prison Pen Pal program. They make cards and all the creators sign them. Prisoners have responded very positively.

PARTNERSHIP –

- The Bounce House and the Candy Bar walk were both hits.

OLD BUSINESS –

- Hall Rental: After review and discussion, the Council agreed that the current agreement is fine. Will not open the facilities to non-parishioners as the liability outweighs the minimal revenue. Gratis usage will still be honored (e.g., Cornerstone Bible study, Cursillo, etc.)
- Seniors Club – Bill Krouse unable to attend another Seniors club for input. Will generate an “interest card” in January to determine potential interest.
- Solar – Ameren – appears we’re seeing about a 25% rebate in usage. On the next report, the dollars/cents will be included to see how we’re progressing on the ROI for the installation.

NEW BUSINESS –

Round the Table

- Bill Krouse has tendered his resignation from the Council due to increasing time commitments.
- Neil Jansen – discussed the Security plan materials presented. He will take the data and use AI to generate a summary of the data. Council strongly recommends some type of plan be created.
- Father commented on the status of a new Bishop. He shared that the Apostolic Nuncio is retiring as of January 31 and plans to have a clean slate when he leaves.
- Neil Jansen – Holiday Hilltop – December 13th. Expecting the traditional crowd of participants.
- Derrick Lebryk – St. Clare School open house will be January 25, 2026. Someone will speak at Masses at Corpus Christi that weekend. Have changed the item given to newborns from a bib to a t-shirt (which will be able to be used longer).
- Michele Stroot – Reminded everyone of the Winter's Aire concert, Dec. 6 featuring a Jazz Band.
 - A TV was donated to PSR which was immediately put into use.
- Marvin Winkeler reported that the collection for OBK backpacks was successful with funds to purchase 39 backpacks. 179 backpacks have been donated in 18 months.
Also, he asked about the outdoor light to illuminate the steps on the north side of the building. Michele will get the light and have our maintenance person install it.

CLOSING PRAYER: Led by Bill Krouse at 8:20 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, January 20th, 2026, at 7 pm in the Parish Center.