

**Corpus Christi Parish
Council Meeting
September 16th, 2025**

In Attendance: Jen Derickson, Derrick Lebryk, Mike Kraus, Chris Stuhldreher, Laurie Wiley, Marvin Winkeler

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

Excused: Bill Krouse, Sheila Haar-Siegel, Annette Whitaker, David Hill

Ex-Officio Excused: Neil Jansen

Guest: Dr. Richard Greiff

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm with Fr. Paul leading the Council in prayer.

Minutes of last meeting: One minor correction on condition of kitchen refrigerator. Fan is not the problem. Chris Stuhldreher motioned for acceptance, seconded by Laurie Wiley. Motion carried.

FINANCE - Finance Council has met. Finances were better than the 2024-2025 budget. July 2025 to June 2026 is off to a good start with a \$10K donation and a \$2500 donation.

LITURGICAL –

- Adult Faith Formation starts Oct. 8 through Nov. 5 on Wed. evenings, using videos/discussion. No texts. Free.
- Cornerstone Scripture study is progressing. A 20-week series on Thursday evenings.
- Partnership Mass – will be offering Children's Liturgy and will need explanation for St. Joe parishioners.
- 9/27-28 – Priesthood Sunday. Spiritual bouquets being done at both Parishes. Jen Derickson will offer blessing on Father at 4:30 PM and Neil Jansen at 9:00 AM.
- Children's Mass – Sept. 28 – 10:30 AM at St. Joe's; Oct. 5th at Corpus Christi at 9:00 AM.
- Oct. 5th – St. Joseph – Pet & Harvest Blessing – Outdoor Mass. Also St. Joe's Fall Festival
- Time and Talent Weekend – will begin electronically in October.
- Nov. 1st – All Saints – falls out since this is a Saturday.
- Nov. 2nd – All Souls Processions – 9:00 AM Corpus, 10:30 AM at St. Joseph.
- Nov. 8-9 – Anointing of the Sick. Will also offer a Blessing of Military Veterans
- 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
- Sept. 29 – Oct. 1 and Oct 11-16 – Fr. Paul is away.
- St. Joseph – McKendree – Reconciliation on 4th Monday of the month – 6:00 – 7:00 PM
- FORMED – being renewed for next year but will be reviewing analytics.

PASTORAL/SOCIAL

- Rummage Sale- Successful. Proceeds almost doubled at \$8K+.
- Partnership Mass – Looking at 100 sign-ups.
- Trivia Night- 1/31/26
- Mouse Races- 3/21/26

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

- Still no chair for this committee.
- Thank you to Ken Diekemper who has finished spreading the mulch, cleaned gutters, power washed North sides of Grootens and Rectory, trimmed hedges.
- Parish Cleanup day went well with McKendree students assisting. 17 students and 2 staff/alumni assisted. 5 parishioners were there and helped feed students.
- Door on north side of the parish center is broken and needs to be looked at. All Parish Center doors need to be accessed.
- Main refrigerator in kitchen being looked at this week.
- All PSR Classrooms in Parish Center have been painted. New stainless steel kick plate and stopper added to side door. New light fixtures will be installed in foyers.

YOUTH MINISTRY –

- 9/18 – Backyard movie night at St. Joseph.
- 9/29 – Pumpkin decorating. Will display at both churches with parishioners voting by making a small donation in the designated box and most money raised will win a prize.
- 10/19 – Will assist with Box of Joy assembly.
- Communication with teens is still not smooth and searching for better way.
- **Joseph House**
 - 1st 3 weeks – 105-115. Monday 9/15 saw 143. Some concerns about space as the weather changes.
 - Sharon Sullivan, Michele Stroot, Deb Kuth, and Connie Frierdich manned table at McKendree Involvement Fair advertising Joseph House. Mesh bags and gooey butter cake distributed.
 - Paper goods costs are covered from the monetary donations from Corpus Christi folks.

COMMUNICATION –

- New Website contract forced by need to upgrade the platform.
- Parish Directory – An issue with payment method to be worked out before will be live.

EDUCATION-

- PSR – 16 students, 2 of whom are not Catholic. 5 students from Holy Childhood which does not offer in-person program. 5th – 7th are combined classes this year. Using 7th grade book. 3 PSR students are in First Communion plus 1 each at St. Clare and Holy Trinity. A McKendree student is teaching in PSR (Renee Markham).
- **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 anticipated to be in early March, hoping to not conflict with our Mouse Races in March.

OUTREACH –

- **C3M** – 29 students (includes seminarians) on the list. All those on the list were shared with Newman Ministries to be contacted by their local Newman Center. Donations to this project are down. Unsure if competing with Joseph House.
- **Homebound** – List was updated in June 2025. Currently sending cards to 59 people.
- 330 **postcards** were mailed encouraging attendance at the Partnership Mass/Picnic. Most cards had a hand-written note.

PARTNERSHIP –

- 9/21 Partnership Mass @ CC indoors at 10:30. This will cancel all other masses at St. Joe's and CC this weekend.
- Discussion occurred on whether to call together the Partnership Committee (not Picnic committee) in light of a new Bishop coming. Though felt to be a valid concern, it was felt that the current status of the Partnership (especially financially) speaks for itself.

OLD BUSINESS –

- Pavers: 12 pavers were installed. Expecting a price increase going forward. It was suggested to promote this twice a year.
- Hall Rental: Parish Council members will receive a copy of the Parish Center Hall Rental Agreement to review. This did not occur and is being postponed until next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS –

- Bill Krouse asked about a "Senior Club" here with CC. There used to be the "Jolly Seniors" but that has not been gathering for some time now. Bill is going to look at local parishes to see what they are doing and let us know. Can determine if we reconvene this group and socialize it to congregation.
 - Bill was not present to share any findings.
- St. Vincent de Paul asked to again hold their rummage sale at Corpus Christi next June. A concern was raised about the confusion/competition with our own sale (though this year's netted almost double of last year). Suggested that SVDP only accept donations at THEIR location and transport goods here versus allowing drop-off at Corpus Christi.
- Marvin Winkeler reported that the new Men's Club coordinator, Bill Riley, will take over in November.
- Mike Kraus stated that he needs to resign from the Council due to increased work travel. He was heartily thanked for his participation.
- Rich Greiff agreed to accept a position on the Council.

CLOSING PRAYER: Led by Fr. Paul at 8:07 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 18th, 2025, at 7 pm in the Parish Center.