

St. Clement Catholic Parish  
November 5, 2025 Parish Council Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Father Jack, Bernadette Wargel, Phil Schmitt, Glenn Oser, Kathy Hargrave, Pattie Keys, Laurie Schnur, Carolyn Kaiser, Lisa Biggs, Rita Fox, Jason Nichols and Bridget Cron

ABSENT: Richard Lasher

GUESTS PRESENT: Barb Forehand, DiAnne Forville

CALL TO ORDER and OPENING PRAYER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:51 PM with prayer.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

September 3, 2025, Minutes were approved. Kathy made a motion to approve, and Pattie seconded. All in Favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Laurie started the meeting with a request to send back out time talent and treasure sign up forms. Laurie had sheet from 2023. Said things need to be looked at and sent back out in 2026. Several areas need to be revised. Suggested emailed out to commissions to get their revisions. Said could put a deadline to get them back.

Barb said she could email the form to commissions that she has and request to send back by a certain time.

Laurie requested that Barb email and suggested revisions be done by next meeting in January. Laurie said if Barb could get revised forms to her, she will get updated.

Barb said she could update form.

Father asked when forms complete should they be mailed or put in the pews?

Laurie said she recommends mailing.

Laurie recommended that a brief description of each commission should be added to the forms. Laurie asked that Father announce during mass that forms are going out and stress how important they are to fill out, return and participate.

Laurie said was asked why minutes have not been in bulletin lately.

Barb said can put minutes in the weekend after they are approved at meeting.

Laurie turned over meeting to Father to talk about an announcement from the bishop.

Fr said the bishop has started a campaign called Pilgrims of Hope campaign for the Jubilee year of 2025. The diocese of Evansville has committed to a Habitat for Humanity house in Evansville, and they will put in the first \$50,000 and have requested each parish in the diocese contribute \$1000.00 to project. They are hoping to raise an additional \$50000.00 from the parishes.

Kathy asked if that is an item to vote on to take out of budget?

Laurie asked to try to get an offering first and if there is a short fall to then vote on the remaining amount.

Jason wanted to know when funds need to be raised.

Fr said we were already a little bit behind when campaign started and would like to get it going.

Laurie recommended Fr make an announcement this weekend that will be collecting for next weekend. November 15-16 masses. And to go ahead and approve motion if short fall to cover in budget but if there is any extra to go ahead and donate amount in full.

Rita made motion to have special collection on November 15-16 to raise money for Pilgrims of Hope campaign for the Habitat for Humanity House. If there is any shortage of \$1000 expected remainder will be paid out of the budget. If there is over \$1000 all to be donated to campaign.

Kathy seconded.

All in favor.

Laurie said we are doing another prayer for peace service on Thursday December 18 at 6:30 p.m. at St Clement. She noted that there were close to 60 people at this last prayer for peace service and some were not catholic that attended. She anticipates there will be more since we have longer to get the word out.

Pattie wanted to note that it was a very nice service this past time and is looking forward to this one coming up.

Pattie said Womens Club, Mens Club, Knights of Columbus and the soup kitchen all went in together and split the costs of a new floor cleaner for the custodian. Total costs \$4303.63 Each contributed \$1075.91 each. She said Dale used it on a small section today and said it works great. They purchased from the company we get cleaning supplies from. Said is 17" wide and battery operated. It vacuums, washes and scrubs at same time. Said it weighs about 200 lbs. Carolyn asked where the bug problem was sitting?

DiAnne said they are at the end of the maintenance period and the traps have been clean so they believe we are ready to go back to the regular maintenance program every three months.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Laurie wanted to start with the windows and roof.

Fr said he just knows windows have been ordered and they are just waiting on them to come in to get started.

DiAnne wanted to verify who was installing.

Glenn and Fr agreed it was their understanding that it was to be Dave and Paul with D&M

Kathy noted that in the minutes the windows would be 6-8 weeks out after ordered.

Fr wanted to mention that mushrooms were growing on the window seals from the leaking.

DiAnne brought in example of mushrooms.

Laurie said we need to agree on a name, a date and details of combining the parish fun night and parish picnic.

Father suggested naming Parish Fun Fellowship Gathering

Barb recommended Parish Family Fun Time

Laurie said Parish Party

Kathy recommended leaving Parish out of it to shorten name

Barb said St Clement Parish Party

Barb said needs to be short and sweet.

Laurie said Parish Family Fun Gathering

Pattie wanted to make sure we were going back and forth between churches each year.

Carolyn said needs to start at St Clement because they already had Family Fun Night at St Rupert this year.

Laurie asked if we agreed on a day. Said 1<sup>st</sup> one will be 9/27/26 at St Clement.

All agreed was going to replace chicken dinner on the last Sunday in September.

All agreed on Parish Family Fun Gathering.

Laurie said need to advertise this is replacing Family Fun Night and Parish Picnic. That it is on the last Sunday in September and it will rotate between churches. If it is St Rupert's year the 10:30 mass will be at St Rupert that year and the 7:30 mass will be at St Clement.

Laurie updated us on gas line behind St Clement Church. This has been fixed.

Glenn Oser and John Nichols dug up spots in parking lot so BNG could get to the bends to repair. Said Richard L. and Dave L came in and repaired the holes when done.

Laurie said she talked to Deacon Dave and the numbers on the parking lot ended at \$203,432.00 Which is well under budget.

DiAnne said wanted to mention the unnumerable volunteer hours that went into this project.

Laurie asked if Father has heard anything from Dan H on the rectory?

Father said he has not heard anything.

Laurie said next is the security issue that was brought up at last meeting. She said they do now have a safety committee that has met twice. She said it is her, Paul Kruse, Jason Nichols, Dennis McVey, Dave Jenkins, Josh Greer and Jennifer Zint. She said just getting started but the Knights are still standing in front and back and during Sunday school for the time being, Said they will have another meeting this month and will then put something out for the parish to know what is being done. She said will put in the bulletin. Said have people that have called wanting to know if doors will be locked during church. Said they will at St Clement because they have the release bars on the inside of the doors to get out if they are locked. They are discussing on getting these bars on the inside of the doors at St Rupert. Laurie said want to get through and check first aid kits, AED's and fire extinguishers.

DiAnne said fire extinguishers, AEDS and first aid kits have been under Building & Grounds Comm. and should get with Angie McVey because probably already being done, so work won't be duplicated.

Laurie said is working on a cost for cameras and a buzz in to get into school. Possible key fobs instead of keys to get into areas. Said will report back at January meeting. Said Jason Nichols is the chair person for safety committee.

Laurie asked for update on CMA.

Father said latest was \$60,000.00

Barb said also have recently received another \$12,820 just came in to the office.

Laurie asked what was our goal

Father said \$110,000

Father asked if we should send out another letter.

Laurie said when get accurate idea whose pledged then we can send out another letter.

Father said Joe Durcholz has been working on ceiling at St Rupert again. He cuts out rotten area then fills in hole with fiber glass. He is painting areas then stenciling. Said shooting to have done by Christmas. He said if this works this project will also come in under budget.

Laurie said we need to pay Dave L and Paul M for scaffolding and labor. That we pay Joe for his time and talent.

The boxes in back of church were mentioned for ministries. Said that this is a way for people to contribute that can not other ways.

It was brought up about children ministries would they be out of pocket if did not get donations. Barb said receipts have been turned in to cover the costs if not donated.

Phil S mentioned pancake breakfast was a huge success. Said entire main part of building was full. It was Nov 2, 2025 after 7:30 am mass.

### FINANCE COMMISSION:

Father said collection right on target.

All other budget items appeared on target

### BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMISSION:

DiAnne said is concerned that rectory project is falling behind and thinks we need to have a committee to get it rolling.

DiAnne said there is a tree growing behind church where the cross is hanging at the front of church. She is a little concerned it will grow too big. They have tried to spray it but have not been able to take care of it yet.

Said that the mushroom that was growing in church proves there is another leak somewhere else other than the cupola windows. She said the mushroom was on the window ledge in the front of church behind the altar.

Kathy said they were trying to kill the tree.

DiAnne said when they repair the cupola, they were going to try to take care of the tree since they will have lifts.

DiAnne said the hillside is done and ready for the rectory. And the ground level is lowered and ready for a concrete path around building. Said is hoping the path will be done by lent.

DiAnne is requesting younger people on Building and Ground Commission.

Barb said hopefully when time, talent and treasure forms go out all forms will get new people.

Father asked if people had recommendations for people to work on rectory project and he will call himself.

Greg Haas, Dennis Batts, Dan Harpenau, Greg Zint, Dave Schnur, Tim Meinert, Paul Malone and Richard Lasher were recommended.

DiAnne said Lensing is who works on the doors and recommended that we contact them on the push bars at St Rupert and the door sticking at St Clement.

Laurie said they went to lock the doors during prayer vigil and door at St Clement would not lock because bar was sticking on top.

Jason said they were working on.

DiAnne said light fixture in St. Rupert Church was broken and they kept the old one and ordered a new one. Will take crosses off old one and put on new one when it comes in.

DiAnne said light in Narthex of St Rupert has a lot of small working parts. Some parts are not working and crystals and such must be cleaned or replaced. Angie McVey is on this project. May want to consider doing something different for that light.

#### PARISH ACTIVITY COMMISSION:

Bernie said nothing new

#### MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE COMMISSION:

Laurie said Halloween party started off with a problem but ended up great. They had a food problem so they ordered pizzas and will be doing that in the future.

Laurie said Lenten breakfast will be February 28, 2026. Aaron Herrenbruck will be the speaker. She said Anne Downey and Teresa Greer are now co-chairs.

#### LITURGY COMMISSION:

Nothing new to report

#### MENS CLUB:

Nothing new to report.

#### LADIES CLUB:

Nothing new to report.

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Nothing new to report.

#### GUEST COMMENTS:

#### PASTOR'S REPORT:

Father said Catholic Ministries Appeal has already been discussed prior in meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm with a prayer. Next meeting will be January 7, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bridget Cron, Secretary