

St. Clement Catholic Parish
September 3, 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, Richard Lasher, Jason Nichols and Bridget Cron
ABSENT: Rita Fox

GUESTS PRESENT: Dcn. Tom, Barb Forehand, Dona Lasher, DiAnne Forville, Dan Harpenau and Dennis McVey

CALL TO ORDER and OPENING PRAYER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:46 PM with prayer.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

May 7, 2025, Minutes were approved. Phil S made a motion to approve, and Glenn seconded. All in Favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Brute Awards:

Barb mentioned that Laurie and Dave Schnur were elected in 2023. Deb Funk was elected in 2024. John and Pattie Keys, Leon and Rosemary Nash and Tom and Sally Seibert are up for nomination this year. Laurie asked if there were any other nominations for Brute award.

Jason asked what was the Brute award?

Father said it is a diocesan award that a parish awards to a person or persons who have went above and beyond in their service to the parish with time talent and treasure.

Father asked if there are any other nominees.

Laurie closed nominations and we all voted.

Barb passed out slips of paper. Father tallied votes.

Father announced John and Pattie Keys are the winner.

Barb will turn in winner to diocese. Needs to be in by Friday.

Laurie said there is a mass to honor Brute award winners at St Bens.

Barb said it is November (23), 2025 at 2:00 pm.

Election of Officers:

Glenn started the conversation for election of officers.

Started with President:

Laurie nominated Glenn

Glenn nominated Laurie

Glenn said he doesn't feel like he is really qualified but would step up as vice if Laurie would be the president.

Laurie agreed to be President. Glenn agreed to be Vice President.

Barb said that all who agree to make Laurie President, say I. All in favor.

Barb said that all who agree to make Glenn Vice President, say I. All in favor.

Bernie nominated Bridget for Secretary

All in favor

Laurie moved on to discuss the windows and roof in the cupola of St Clement Church.

Dan said he has been working with D & M construction on what needs to be done. Said they proposed to put in shorter windows. Then build up a seal where there is a slope where the roof meets the cupola. That is where water is holding currently. Then they will have to replace the roof where there has been water damage. They are looking at an estimate of \$50,000. That would be to replace the roof of the cupola, build up the roof, take metal off, build up the slope, then reroof and do repair inside and outside. Windows are currently 6 – 8 weeks out. He believes it needs to be tackled by this fall. Needs an idea now so can get windows ordered to do repairs in fall. If not done by fall will have to wait until next year and will cause further damage to the surrounding wood.

Laurie asked how much were they under in the budget for the parking lot?

Dan said not for sure but thinks we came in under budget.

Laurie asked if this is also why the benches are getting wet.

Dan said yes. There is water building up and just sitting in the current seal. Which is damaging the wood and then it leaks.

Laurie asked if it is necessary to have approval from parish council for repair?

Father said doesn't need to vote, just needs to be brought up so everyone is aware.

Kathy said project has to be done.

Laurie said she doesn't think anyone would object to using campaign funds for cupola repair.

Glenn asked do we have the money someplace else to do the repairs if we don't use capital campaign funds?

Dan said there is a running amount that remains in the capital campaign to account for such repairs. He said there was already an amount in account from last campaign.

Glenn asked if there were 8 windows?

Dan said yes.

Laurie asked if anyone was opposed?

Laurie said if there is no other discussion about project to go ahead and proceed with project.

Laurie moved onto the insect infestation happening.

Pattie said she noticed them first in the kitchen in the Parish Center.

Kathy said a group got together on July 9 and thoroughly cleaned the kitchen.

Pattie said we do have a pest contract with Swat Pest, but it lapsed. Supposed to spray every 3 months and due to a communication error, they missed one spray.

Barb said they were coming on a three month rotation, doing different buildings each time, and this caused a confusion. They were asked to be specific on the invoice (about which buildings they had treated). They were also asked to email the invoices to Barb at the office and DiAnne. DiAnne said they will now have the company come to treat all three buildings at the same time.

DiAnne said Swat Pest came in and did an initial spray after the bugs were reported. They have been coming back every two weeks to monitor and respray if needed. Once they get situation under control will get locations on a regular scheduled maintenance program in October.

Laurie asked if any other questions?

Laurie called on Dan to talk about the gas line.

Dan said BNG came out and noted a small gas leak in both lines. Dan said will not turn back on lines until repairs are fixed. Said Bayer Plumbing wanted to tear up whole north end of lot to get to lines. Trying to find someone to work through three pothole areas where risers are located. Trying to get done before it gets cold and need gas. He has contacted Meece to see if they will excavate three pothole areas to get to lines.

Richard said in discussion with BNG that they recommend digging out areas by hand.

Glenn asked if leak is at riser weld how can that be repaired?

Richard said they will have to be replaced. Said there is difference in metal and poly and this could be the problem. No way of knowing until dig up the area.

Dan said best way is to hand dig area.

Laurie said looking into combining Family Fun Night and Parish Picnic.

Fr said it has been proposed because participation has been down on both events.

Laurie said it depends on timing. Picnic fell during fall break last year.

Pattie mentioned she didn't see why we shouldn't combine events.

Barb recommended that we do it on the night when they used to have the chicken dinner.

She said that date fell right in between both churches anniversary dates.

Laurie asked what about doing it in the spring?

Barb said hard to find a date in between lent and Easter.

Fr asked what about June?

Pattie suggested a lot of people on vacation in June.

Glenn asked where would event take place since Family Fun Night has been at St Rupert and Parish Picnic has been at 4-H.

Barb said parish picnic was at St Rupert last year and was supposed to be at St Clement this year.

Laurie said should still rotate between churches.

Fr asked when was date the churches merged?

Barb said she thinks it was mid July.

Laurie said fair is then.

Barb said last weekend in September? That is when chicken dinner was and is now open.

Laurie said last weekend in September? No objection.

Laurie asked if we would start this year.

Bernie said Family Fun night was already done this year at St Rupert.

Barb said, then we can agree event has been done for this year and will start with combined event next year?

Barb suggested coming up with a name. Parish Fun Night? Parish Gathering? What???

Fr said everyone mull over ideas of a name for next meeting.

Laurie said we have people from both parishes present. Does everyone agree on combining the events? All agreed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Father said Joe Durcholz has been working on ceiling at St Rupert. He said he has had to put it on hold for a bit due to surgery. When he is finished recovering will start working again. He said he has made a stencil of the current design. He cuts out rotten area then fills in hole with fiber glass. He is painting areas then stenciling. He said if this works this project will also come in under budget.

Laurie moved on to St Clement Parking Lot.

Dan said waiting on rain to get final grade. Then they will seed and get all done. Lights are all up.

Laurie wanted to note that Dave raved about how great the parking lot crew was.

Dan update on Rectory. Said not a lot has been done since other projects have to be addressed immediately. Need to get with Architecture Firms to get plans started. Wants to make sure lot is up to grade before he gets quotes. Said Lamar was originally supposed to be used but they wanted \$42000 up front just to get started.

Laurie wanted to know what money would be for?

Dan said was to come up with a design. Would have to be ADA compliant, low maintenance, and will last for many years.

Glenn asked if Lamar would oversee any construction during project?

Dan said when they built the church they would have a meeting every other week or so to oversee project. Said he has also been talking to Dave Wanninger about project.

Richard asked if Dave Wanninger was approved by diocese?

Dan said he asked and Dave said he has done work for the diocese before.

Fr asked if Lamar did rectory in Daylight? Could we go look at their rectory and use their plans?

Dan said that he didn't think rectory was done by Lamar. Thinks they only did church.

DiAnne said she thought rectory was a two story anyway.

Barb said the rectory is a two story and we do not want that.

DiAnne said she is asking around if anyone has any ideas or plans to get ideas. Was talking about two bedroom or three bedrooms.

Laurie said we will wrap up this conversation for now until we get more ideas.

FINANCE COMMISSION:

Father said collection right on target

Laurie said building fund right on target.

Barb said the Co-op Missionary appeal went well last weekend. A total of \$2838.80 was collected between three masses.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMISSION:

DiAnne requested that we include an envelope in the pews for building and grounds. Said we need furnaces, one for the rectory, 4 for St Rupert and Parish Hall at St Clement. Said has 11 refrigerators

around campuses. Said we need to re-evaluate if all of them are necessary. Said big upright freezers are sealed when shut. Because of this someone ripped off a handle on one freezer. Need to make sure lights are off when we leave an area. They have combined the miscellaneous properties that were bought so will only have one tax bill.

PARISH ACTIVITY COMMISSION:

Lisa said St Joseph family retreat is this weekend and planning a carpool. They will be leaving at 8:30 this Saturday. 9/8/25

Laurie said rosary is from 9:30 to 10:30

After rosary there is mass. After mass is the meal. After meal will be tour of grounds.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE COMMISSION:

Laurie said no meeting 9/18 will pick up at first of year.

10/26 will be the Halloween Party.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMISSION / LITURGY COMMISSION:

Deacon Tom said there will be a blessing of pets October 4 @ 10:00 am Saturday.

MENS CLUB:

Nothing new to report.

LADIES CLUB:

Nothing new to report.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Dennis said they had a meeting last night and disbursements were made. Said a little over \$4000 for each of 5 groups.

Dave Jenkins brought up subject of Minnesota shooting. Said there was a similar incident that happened at a church in Evansville that could have ended up badly. Recommended that maybe the knights come up with a plan and offer some extra protection during masses. Maybe post knight at entrance and have a sign to or from priest if someone may be of concern. Wanted to know if anyone had an objection to them coming up with a plan?

Laurie asked if plan would be for all masses?

Dennis said they were focusing on 10:30 mass since this was one where more children were involved and they saw this as a priority. It's a man power issue.

Dona asked how would you know who is suspicious?

Dennis said they will talk among themselves and if there is a concern would call 911.

Laurie said would have to be a standard operating procedure in place before anything could start.

Dennis wanted to know if okay to put together a SOP?

Laurie said should be a committee to put together a SOP and rules of engagement.

Fr recommended to include Paul Kruse and Josh Greer.

Laurie asked if anyone on parish council would like to be on committee?

No volunteers

GUEST COMMENTS:

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Father said Catholic Ministries Appeal has gone up a little this year but is still manageable. Letters have been signed and ready to be stuffed to go out on October 5.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm with a prayer. Next meeting will be November 5, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Bridget Cron, Secretary