

St. Clement Catholic Parish
May 6, 2026 Parish Council Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Father Ron, Deacon Tom, Deacon Dave, Bernadette Wargel, Richard Lasher, Glenn Oser, Kathy Hargrave, Pattie Keys, Laurie Schnur, Carolyn Kaiser, Lisa Biggs, Phil Schmitt, Jason Nichols and Bridget Cron

ABSENT: Rita Fox

GUESTS PRESENT: Barb Forehand, DiAnne Forville, Dona Lasher, Dan Harpenau

CALL TO ORDER and OPENING PRAYER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM with prayer.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

March 4, 2026, Minutes were approved. Pattie made a motion to approve, and Kathy seconded. All in Favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Deacon Dave started with reviewing the budget. Said July 1st is beginning of new year. Said income is accounted for as received. Said budget is on a cash basis. Finance Commission has reviewed and approved.

Richard asked How do the incomes look from 2025 to 2026 budget?

Deacon Dave said from March to March we are \$208,000 in the positive where we were sitting at \$159,000 from March 2024 to March 2025. We are looking good.

Phil Made motion to approve budget

Richard Seconded

All in favor

Laurie moved the meeting onto Barb discussing the new computer software.

Barb said moving to Flocknote by the end of May. Working on getting all files into Flocknote.

Barb asked what information we would recommend saving from the past years. Said will move over the last 7 years.

Deacon Dave recommended we save all files on an excel spreadsheet in case needed.

Barb then mentioned the bulletin is switching from Publisher to CanvaPro. Wanted to know if there is any change anyone would like to see to in the bulletin? Make shorter, leave out birthdays, anniversaries?

Laurie said she thinks everyone would still like to see Birthdays and Anniversaries.

Carolyn asked if there would be more pages or less.

Richard asked why changing?

Barb said bulletin company will no longer support publisher.

Deacon Dave asked if Jason Nichols' wife Burgandy would come in and help Barb get a new bulletin template.

Jason said he would ask Burgandy and let Barb know. Barb said will let Burgandy know when the meeting with Canva will be.

Laurie passed out a letter that will be mailed out to all parishioners regarding an update on the capital campaign. Laurie said 75% of pledges have been received as of April 19, 2026.
Kathy asked if Joe Durchholz was going to send us a bill on the work on St Ruperts Ceiling?
Deacon Dave said Joe and Paul Malone are to still bill us for repairs to the ceiling.
Deacon Dave said they are still converting to new accounting software also. Said would recommend looking for a person with a grasp of accounting to set up new software.

OLD BUSINESS:

Laurie said the cupola repairs are starting soon.

Deacon Dave said pews are getting removed. Goal is to get done by a wedding that will be June 20th. Estimate \$63,000 for repair. \$5000 has been spent to put a deposit on windows.

Dan was there to talk about rectory updates. Said will be at May 13th meeting to discuss financial information, drawings, etc., that was already provided to diocese and answer questions. Said there will be 5 members of the Rectory board attending meeting. He said that they will go back to the June meeting if they can't get approval at this meeting. Will update us at June meeting. Dan said they will start removing the fireplace in old rectory in the next couple of weeks.

Kathy asked if there was any word on Fr Jacks retirement party?

Laurie said that Fr Jack is still not well enough yet and will give more time to let him get his strength back before planning again.

SAFETY COMMISSION:

Jason said he has been talking with Alpha Energy Solutions and is reviewing their proposals. They provided proposals for both campuses. Commission met prior Sunday to discuss it and now needs to meet with Alpha Energy Solutions to get proposal hammered out.

Dan asked if we got cameras added to cover rectory?

Jason said yes rectory will be covered but there are other areas where there are some blind spots that need to be covered.

Deacon Dave asked if we have submitted any grants to cover the costs of this project?

Laurie said has been started but nothing has been submitted.

Deacon Dave said that he can give someone direction if need be to get started. He said we have been able to get grants to cover similar projects in the past.

Glenn asked if there will be monthly costs after installation?

Jason said there will be no extra costs unless want additional services.

FINANCE COMMISSION:

See Deacon Dave's report in New Business.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMISSION:

DiAnne there will be a workday for St Rupert.

Paul is changing out the caulking on the marble floor in St. Clement church.

Carolyn cleaned up the back porch at St. Rupert.

Moved back to the three-month rotation on pest control and asked that everyone make sure to clean up food.

Said they need more young people on building and ground commission.

PARISH ACTIVITY COMMISSION:

Barb said starting Sweet Sundays at St Rupert on the 4th Sunday of the month after the 7:30 mass. There will be cookies or donuts, coffee and milk.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE COMMISSION:

Laurie said working on getting dinner for eight together again. Planning on 2 nights.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMISSION:

Pattie said there is a bunch of health ministry equipment sitting around and they have been doing an inventory so they can keep better track of what we have, what we need and what is in use.

LITURGY COMMISSION:

Nothing new to report

MENS CLUB:

Dan said getting ready for the big grill in June

LADIES CLUB:

Pattie said they are starting on planning the cookie walk in the fall. Wanted to note that the Ladies club replaced the west door.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Nothing new to report.

GUEST COMMENTS:

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Father Ron said there has been a decision made about the priest and just waiting on a formal letter to be sent.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm with a prayer. Next meeting will be June 3, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Bridget Cron, Secretary