

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 05/18/26 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Council Members Present: Fr. Fred, Fr. Ryan, Tim, Barry, Wendy, Deb, Lynne, Leigh Anne, Joe, Ben, Dan.

Minutes: Leslie

Opening Prayer: Fr. Fred led the meeting with a prayer followed with reflection among the members.

Review and Approval of Minutes: April 20, 2026 minutes were approved by Fr. Fred.

Membership-Council President:

- A proposal to extend Dan's term as president to June 30, 2027 was approved by Fr. Fred. Dan will formulate an addendum in the Articles of Guidance which will also include adding a 10th council member.

Review of the Planning Calendar 2026:

- On May 14th the Notre Dame Baccalaureate Mass went very well with the help of the hospitality ministry and staff members. Many people attended.
- June 1ST -5TH Music camp is filling up.
- June 8TH -12TH Bible camp is filling up.
- May 31st is Deacon Phil's 40th anniversary of Diaconate ministry.
- June 11th is Fr. Ryan's 10th anniversary of his Priestly ministry.
- May 31st to June 13th Fr. Fred is on a pilgrimage to Italy.
- June 21st Father's Day, after the 11:00 Mass we will celebrate Fr. Ryan's 10th anniversary 40th anniversary as well as have an opportunity to say farewell to Fr. Ryan.

Suggestion to start Bingo:

- Deb and Ben spoke with the parishioner interested in having bingo activities as a means to give an opportunity for parishioners to socialize. Deb will meet with the parishioner who offered to head the event so as to tailor the activity in the fall.

Evangelization/Discipleship – Divine Intimacy/Spiritual Friendship/Witness/Spiritual Multiplication:

- Hallow: Fr. Fred shared he is enjoying Hallow challenges (as well as parishioners) and we will offer a challenge for our parish community in the summer.
- Christ in Our Neighborhood (CION): Dan is targeting an event for CION in late fall.
- Fr. Steve Lacroix, the executive director for Andre House has communicated an offer for St. Bernard to partnership with Andre House. Some ways of partnering would be to have volunteers prepare meals and serve dinners to the community. Some other possible ways to partnership were shared among council members.

Finance Administration update:

- Fr. Fred reported we are finishing the year well financially.
- The building of the rectory has begun and is going smoothly.
- We are waiting for the city's response regarding the Shrine project.
- We have reviewed a third bid for construction of the playground. Their expertise in this area looks like a promising proposal for our project.
- Dena Wholey has started her position as Office Manager/Receptionist.
- Fr. Ryan – Fr. Don Ours transitions will take place June/July.
- June 21st celebration after 11:00 Mass for Fr. Ryan's 10th anniversary Priestly ministry and Deacon Phil's 40th anniversary of his Diaconate ministry.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Fred ended the meeting with a prayer.

Upcoming Council Meetings: next meeting dates:

- June 15, 2026 4:30 PM
- No meeting in July
- August 17, 2026. 4:30 PM

Submitted by: Leslie Arnison, recording secretary