

Our Lady of Lourdes
Pastoral and Finance Council Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2026 – 7:00-8:00 pm

Attendance: Fr Adam Laski, Fr Isaiah Schick, Rob Buehler, Julie Gruenhagen,
Doug Raether, Rudy Walz, Mike Sweeney
Absent: Austin Hagen, Cathy Solum

The meeting opened with prayer.

Financial Reports:

Mike Sweeney reported YTD financial reports and draft budget numbers for FY27 for review and questions. He shared possible budget variances that may occur if/when building projects begin. He also suggested we consider converting some CDs to investment funds, using the same financial advisors currently used by the parish, to eliminate the need to renew CDs annually; potentially generating a greater return than CDs.

CSA goal for FY2026 is \$40,473. Contributions have been slow. Discussed how to bring awareness to the need to meet this assessment and that the parish must pay the balance due from the parish budget at the end of the fiscal year (July).

Updates:

Renovation Project/Sacristy – Received blueprints for proposed sacristy. A bid has been received; a second bid is expected soon. When bids are received, a special meeting will be called for members of Building & Grounds Committee and the Pastoral & Finance Council to review and take action.

Seder Meal – The 50th anniversary Seder Meal in our parish is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2026.

New Business:

Rectory, Parish Center – Discussed options, maintenance, costs, and future of parish buildings. No decisions were made.

Parish Mission and Maintenance Goals -- How can or should we work to grow our parish?

- 1) Maintenance Goal: Establish a 5-year plan for our buildings and grounds to get everything in order and to practice good stewardship over our material resources to enable us to serve mission from a place of stability.
- 2) Mission Goal: Provide the right setting to invite and welcome young families into our parish.
- 3) Mission Goal: Empower people to engage in their role in the mission of evangelization - proclaiming Jesus to our neighbors.

The next meeting will be called when the second bid for the sacristy addition is received.

The next quarterly meeting of the Pastoral & Finance Council is scheduled for May 14 at 7 pm.

The meeting adjourned with a closing prayer.

Recording Secretary: Julie Gruenhagen
Submitted by Council Chair: Rudy Walz