Finance Council Minutes
July 21, 2026

Members present – Father Kevin, Keith Detmer, Dan Hellrung, Jim Sagovac, Kim Schoerner, Amanda Dotzert, Tim Poletti

Members absent – Jessica Moore, Karen Simpson

Guests present – n/a

1. Father opened the meeting with prayer.

2. The minutes were approved for the May 20 meeting.

3. Amanda reported that the FEMA/State of Illinois grant application has been received and approved by the State. We are still waiting to hear back from FEMA on the amount we will receive and when we will receive it. This grant is for not-for-profit organizations that are seeking to upgrade Security systems within their facility.

4. Amanda confirmed the Wayland house that Sister Linda Mary lived in will be demolished. The water has disconnected and heat and air conditioning are being kept at minimal levels to preserve the structure from mold in the meantime. Date for demolition to be determined sometime in 2027. Will likely use campaign money to do this.

5. Jim provided the following information regarding the Centennial Campaign projects:

a. Ceiling grids and tiles are complete except for the vents that will be replaced by Langhauser as part of the air conditioning replacement work.
b. The moveable walls are complete
c. The basement floor is complete
d. The basement bathrooms will not be done until 2027. Decided we should look at hiring a general contractor to completely renovate bathrooms. **Jim to look into using the contractor St. John Neumann school recently used.**
e. Tuckpointing will be done in 2027.
f. The church roof is complete.
g. Metro Roofing is going to be asked to look at gutters and downspouts for a bid.
h. The Wi-Fi system is complete.
i. The security system upgrade is complete. **However, there are many false alarms so the parish staff will contact Pro Alarm to address this.**
j. The rectory windows and roof will be done in 2027.
k. Waterproofing Wayland basement is complete.
l. The skylight will be done in August or September 2026. **Amanda to follow up with manufacturer for exact installation date.**
m. Church basement to be painted at the end of October by Schneider Painting for $5,300.
n. Sound system installation in church is complete. **Jim to look into quote for adding speakers to St. Joe's Hall in 2027.**
o. Kitchen upgrades will be in 2027. This will include replacing the broken serving roll-up window and replacing tile under the sink. Other items to be determined.

p. Jim looking to have floors polished in St. Joe's Hall that were not replaced.

7. Air conditioner replacement for church has been approved by the diocese. Langhauser has been notified, and the unit is on order. Electrical work needs to be completed prior to installation. Paul Baumgartner is coordinating this project. Installation should be completed in early August.

8. Father reported that he and Brenda are meeting with our consultant from Evangelical Catholic every other week. They are in the process of establishing a core leadership group that will be in training for 10-12 weeks. They need one more volunteer. This will run from the week of August 30 – November 15. The cost for Evangelical Catholic is $2,300 per month for 3 years. The first payment was made in December 2025.

9. Keith brought up the idea of including something in the weekly email and bulletin to inform parishioners of the money we have collected from the Centennial campaign, how much has been spent, and what projects have been completed with this money. **Amanda to work with Betsy and Jodi on this.** Amanda reported that $265,520 has been spent so far.

10. Tim Poletti brought up the idea of having a thank you to parishioners for their generosity during this campaign. It was discussed having ice cream provided at the luncheon following Mass in the grass on September 27. **Tim will look into this.**

11. Father Kevin said restarting the St. Vincent de Paul society locally was discussed at his last deanery meeting. More information to come.

12. Father Kevin discussed a fundraising opportunity for our sister parish in Guatemala. They have a need for a 4-wheel drive truck that would be used by the pastor. This will be discussed in more detail at a future meeting. The amount needed would be about $35,000.

13. Under the Parish Profit and Loss statement – Amanda reported increased bank fees are an uncontrollable cost that is the result of the diocese switching to a new financial and record keeping platform, Pushpay.

14. For 2026-27 budgeting that runs from July – June, it was decided to use the budgeted numbers from 2025-26 for the Offertory collection versus using 2025-26 actuals. We believe the actuals were down because of the campaign giving. The finance council believes this will even out next fiscal year. The decision was also made to forego a fundraiser due to continued support of the campaign. St. John Neumann attendance and required financial support is expected to remain about the same as last year. Amanda will work on the budget to where it is zero based and email Finance council members the draft to review.

15. The next Finance council meeting will be August 25, 2026, at 7pm at the Wayland office

16. Father closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Keith Detmer