

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 12/15/25 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Council Members Present: Fr. Fred, Fr. Ryan, Dan, Joe, Barry, Lynne, Lisa, Deb, Wendy, Leigh Anne, Bob-President / Minutes: Leslie

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

Review and Approval of Minutes: The minutes from Oct. 20th and Nov. 17th, 2025 were approved.

Parish Council Membership Terms:

- We have some council candidates to consider. We will consider additional candidates and follow-up with those being considered at the next council meeting.
- Two present council members will continue through March. Bob, our Secretary and President will be ending his term of service after the January 2026 meeting.

Review of the Planning Calendar for 2025:

- Fr. Fred noted that Dec. 15th sacrament of reconciliation at 10:00 AM went very well. A good turn-out.
- The Pancake Breakfast and the Angel Tree Advent activities were well supported by our parishioners.
- On Dec. 12th a large turn-out of parishioners attended the 9:00 AM Mass in honor of our Lady of Guadalupe. Many parishioners attended a festive celebration hosted by the Guadalupe Ministry in the Parish Hall following the Mass.
- Fr. Ryan's Saturday AM teachings are well attended. Very positive parishioner feedback.
- Busses will be provided for ease of parking for the Christmas Eve Mass.
- Gift bags and certificates with gift cards from grocery stores for example, have been provided for the teachers with St. Matthew's parish in Phoenix.
- Jan. 30th St. Bernard's Parish will host the Clairvaux Legacy Night social and dinner in conjunction with the support of the Catholic Community Foundation (CCF). Due to a limited number of invitations a RSVP will be required.
- Fr. Fred is looking into scheduling a possible mission weekend to support the Maria Africa Foundation with Fr. Simon giving a presentation at Masses.

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

- The Hallow App is doing very well. Parishioners are starting to use the App to request prayers.
- Dan reported at this time there are 8 formed and active groups with Christ in Our Neighborhood (CION). A follow-up with these groups to engage in CION during lent is being considered.

Finance Administration update:

- Fr. Fred will be determining the best time to begin the rectory project.
- Fr. Fred is considering the best time to introduce the Mission engagement weekends. At this time there have been good responses to Mission engagements.

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

Upcoming Council Meetings: next meeting dates: Jan. 19th, Feb. 23th, Mar. 16th

Submitted by: Leslie Arnison, recording secretar