

# **St. John Henry Newman Catholic Church - Parish Council**

April 1, 2026

## **Notes for May meeting:**

- **Survey Results? What to do with them? What was the last touch point for the council and the community as a whole?**
  
- **Fr. Dan mentioned 3 levels of involvement for parishioners. What were those? Is this an opportunity for education?** - Shared common language with parish staff and parish council.
  1. Encounter
  2. Grow
  3. Serve

Location: Disciples Room

Attending: Fr. Dan, Gloria (finances), Mark, Brian, Caroline, Suzanne, Rebecca

Absent:

Prayer

Introduction of the group

## **Gloria's Notes:**

- Doing the budget this time of year.
- We also applied for a Rise grant, but it was rejected.

## **New program request from Angelle in Campus Ministry: Endurance**

- Program request form distributed
- Agreed on the potential success of the program based on the observed size of the demographic this program applies to.
- Adapting based on the Open Door model.
- Includes D1 and club athletes.
- Angelle and FOCUS missionaries would likely be the ones overseeing and leading the ministry.
- No budget concerns noted at this time.

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## **Overall Financial Report**

Gloria:

- Income and expenses are on target with the projected budget
- \$184,000 left to pay on solar panels. Will receive incentives from the city and federal (timeline unknown)
- \$198,000 of donations so far as of February.
- No loans from the diocese have been taken yet.

Fr Dan:

- Brad Copeland (buildings and properties with the diocese) was here a month ago, inspecting the roof. Tuck-pointing and building joints require work. Jeff (maintenance) reached out to T&J for an additional assessment. The cost is larger than expected.
  - 1st bid: \$237,000
  - 2nd bid: \$175,000
    - Total = \$412,000
- We are not interested in doing this right away. Inspection may reveal why we experience occasional leaks.
  - Fr Dan will reach out to Brad and T&J and have them show us where all repairs are needed for closure.
  - The state of our building is not urgent. We think that we could spread out the costs over the next few years.
  - Will also seek another estimate from another party recommended by the diocese.
- We would prioritize the roofing before anything else unless other matters appear urgent.

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- Scheduled to have 15 baptisms at the vigil
  - 29 candidates
  - Bishop spoke with the Diocese's Lawyer in terms of taking on St. Gianna Women's Clinic; Fr. Dan will be arranging a meeting of the committee with diocesan CFO
    - Not yet seeing the financial numbers we need to get a yes. Plan to meet face-to-face.
  - The Knights finished out curb work. Asking Jeff to help us finish landscaping. Waiting to hear back on his ability to commit.
  - Still waiting on a bid for the sagging sewer line on the toilet downstairs.
  - Bishop Mark Seitz from El Paso in Como April 19-22; will help with Masses and talk about immigration issues.
    - Monday after the noon Mass, he will have lunch with college students.
      - Part of our social justice endowment.
    - The press release will be for the public.
  - Currently have 4 female and 2 male FOCUS missionaries. Of those 6, 2 will not return.
  - We have another team director lined up to fill in after the current one leaves (due to being engaged and starting a family in the near future!)
  - The ultimate goal is to get 8 missionaries: 4 female, 4 male.
  - The Stewardship Council might be split into two groups: Welcoming parishioners and financial/tithing.
  - Overall positive impression for triparish events.

### Liaison Assignments (Reminders):

**We are trying to build a soft schedule where a liaison reports every month. Please try to meet with your liaison in the next month or so. Any updates?**

- Mark Williams with Thomas Rose
- Brian Allen with Liturgy (Andrea)
- Caroline with Social Justice/Pastoral Counseling (Chelle and Rebecca, respectively)
- Suzanne with Religious Ed/Youth Ministry (Anne and Emily)

- Rebecca W with Campus Ministry (Angelle)
- Len moved from Admin and is now with Communications (James), but offered to help with Admin, too.
- Mike with Adult Faith (Laura Theissen, director of discipleship and faith formation, and Lisa)

Report from Fr. Dan

**Next meeting date: Wednesday, May 13th at 6:30 pm**

New Business  
Petitions  
Closing Prayer