



**Finance Council Meeting Minutes  
January 13, 2026**

**Members' Present:** Fr. Matthew, Todd Wentworth, Bev Paul, Mike Helwig, Craig Highet, and Mike Bowman. Others present: Fr. Dan Ruprecht, & Sharon Marthaler.

**Absent:**

**Call to Order:** Fr. Matthew opened the meeting with prayer at 5:30 pm in the church basement.

**Approval of Agenda and Minutes:** Agenda and Minutes approved as presented by consensus.

**Standing Business**

1. Financial Reports

- a. Cash & Investments as of December 31, 2025
  - a) The Glenwood CD renewed for \$250,442.81 after the withdrawal of \$68,000. Of the \$68,000, \$34,000 to deposit into the ICC Equity account to repay renovation projects, \$20,040.04 to repay checking account for the new investments and renovation projects, and \$13,959.96 for scholarship to pay for faith formation tuition and youth events with remaining money to deposit into the scholarship restricted investment.
  - b) The CD interest allocation sheet shows the interest divided among each fund.
  - c) The Diocesan Savings Pool earned 3.25% from July-December.
- b. Statement of Activities as of December 31, 2025
  - a) Offerings are ahead of PY and 3.8% favorable for CY. Total income positive variance from budget of \$96k is primarily from investment earnings and interest. Additional favorable variances include, \$5k Christmas offerings, \$5k other donations, and \$3k cemetery investments.
  - b) Total expense negative variance from budget of \$34k is primarily from \$16.5k vestments and server robes. \$3.6k new piano, \$3.8k Massmann scholarships, \$4k R & M, and other smaller variances.
  - c) Sharing and caring (social outreach) expenses are over budget by \$1,166.

2. Facilities

- a. Bell Tower Masonry Restoration
  - a) Another contactor coming this week for another bid.
- b. Convent Subcommittee
  - a) Items the committee has discussed and would like approval to move ahead with renovation. Ceiling - keep the current ceiling and repair where needed; paint, indoor lighting, remove old floorboard heating, outside door, combination lock for outside entrance, carpet, and tile by altar. The cost for all these items, \$4,000. The members approved the renovation

and cost, suggesting the combination lock on the main front door to the convent which faces Oak Street, not the chapel door.

- b) Preparing for two classrooms in convent for faith formation with a TV in each room.
- c. Projects & Wish List
  - a) Discussion on the church lighting. Update light fixtures with LED bulbs instead of the panel. Possibly use lights from closing churches within our diocese (and potentially elsewhere in the country), but this would not be an option until 2 years after their closing.
  - b) More lighting in the sanctuary, possible using what there is and adjusting the angle of the lights.
- 3. John Massmann Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee
  - a. The CD matures in March. Mike will try to get a 3.95% interest for renewal.

### **Old/New Business**

1. The McGread Conference: scheduled for March 11-12, 2026. See Todd by the end of January if you are interested.
2. All Things New: Committee meeting once a month, focusing on evangelization.
3. HeadStart: Lease Renewal
4. Kid talks in January: Mike has contacted families for the talk in church about the scholarship and their gratitude for support from the parish, but no one has replied.
5. Newsletter: A letter of thanksgiving acknowledging the volunteers for their service to the church to be mailed with the parishioner's contribution statement for 2025.
6. Facility use policy & guidelines, including kitchen licensing. – No discussion.

### **Action Items**

1. Todd: Start email for the fish fry.
2. Fr. Matthew: Thank you letter.
3. Mike H.: Report back to the renovation committee for the convent.

### **Next Meeting**

Tuesday, March 16, 2026, at 5:30 pm

### **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon Marthaler