

# St. Nicholas

*Catholic Church of Belle River*

## Finance Council Meeting Minutes January 13, 2026

**Members' Present:** Fr. Matthew Kuhn, Todd Wentworth, Dwayne Waldorf, Shawn Becker, Veronica Haavig, Mike Ponicki, John Klobe, and Jordon Patrick. Others present: Fr. Dan Ruprecht, & Sharon Marthaler.

**Absent:**

**Call to Order:** Fr. Matthew opened the meeting with prayer at 7:20 pm in the rectory.

**Approval of Agenda and Minutes:** Agenda: Consented as presented. Minutes: Consented as presented.

### Standing Business

#### 1. Financial Reports

- a) Cash & Investments were reviewed as of December 31, 2025.
  - a. Cash & Investments look good. Diocesan Savings Pool earned 3.25% July-December. The \$150k Glenwood CD matures in April.
- b) Statements of Activities
  - a. Offerings are 3.8% above budget and 0.38% above last year for the same period.
  - b. The church received a donation of \$10,000 for the roof project and \$2,000 from the matching grant program from Douglas Machine.
  - c. Sharing and Caring request from the Bishop for Sister Parish in Venezuela. We will tithe 10% of a full week's of offerings.
  - d. CY favorable variance in total income is primarily from \$11.7k other donations, \$3.3k offerings, \$3.2k cemetery donations, and \$6.8k market results of cemetery perpetual care .
  - e. Total expense favorable variance primarily from \$7.6k R&M, and \$3.6k Sharing & Caring (social outreach).

#### 2. Facilities/Projects Wish List

- a) Church Renovations
  - a. Roof Abatement and Replacement: remove asbestos containing transite shingles and install new Westlake Royal Boral stone coated steel shingles on main church roof. Remove and replace flat portions of church roof with new Thermoplastic Polyolefin through Lakestar Expert Contracting for a grand total of \$235,500 plus contingency reserve of \$10,000.
  - b. Jordan Patrick made a motion to accept the proposal from Lakestar for \$235,500, plus contingency reserve of \$10,000, seconded by Shawn Becker. Motion passed with consensus by all.

- c. Top Dawg Masonry will coordinate the removal of 6-8 feet of both chimneys using the man lift provided by Lakestar, a total cost of \$15,000 with replacement of bricks and tuckpointing.
    - d. A consensus made by all to have Top Dawg Masonry coordinate with Lakestar for the removal of the chimneys and replace any brick and tuckpointing at a cost of \$15,000.
    - e. Todd will contact the diocese for approval of moving forward with the roof project.
  - b) Projects Wish List – no further discussion.
3. Stewardship
  - a) Annual Stewardship Renewal is scheduled for the first three weeks in February, introduction, in-depth, and commitment.
4. Social Outreach
  - a) If you have any thoughts about areas to donate to, send email to members.

#### **Action Items**

1. Todd: Inquire Lakestar about the quote for small stained-glass windows.
2. Gary: Maintenance log close to being finalized.
3. Tim: Basement wall: Done by March.
4. Tim/Gary: Handicap parking: Nothing done at this time, wait until spring.
5. Dwayne: Getting another estimate: No second estimate currently.
6. Fr. Mathew Thank you letter.
7. Todd to initiate proxy request for roof approval process.

#### **Old/New Business**

1. The McGread Conference is scheduled for March 11-12, 2026. See Todd by end of January if you are interested.
2. All Things New: Committee meeting once a month, focusing on evangelization.
3. State of the Parish scheduled for February 2026.
4. Employee retirement pension due to underfunding. Todd on the diocesan committee discussing the options available.
5. Other: A letter of thanksgiving acknowledging the volunteers for their service to the church to be mailed with the parishioner's contribution statement for 2025.

#### **Next Meeting**

Monday, March 16, 2026, at 7:20 pm

#### **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon Marthaler