St. Nicholas
Catholic Church of Belle River

Finance Council Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2026

Members' Present: Fr. Matthew Kuhn, Todd Wentworth, Shawn Becker, Jordon Patrick, John Klobe, Darcy Thesing. Others present: Deacon Scott
Absent: Fr. Dan Ruprecht, Mike Ponicki, Veronica Haavig, and Dwayne Waldorf

Call to Order: Fr. Matthew opened the meeting with prayer at 7:15 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 as of June 30, 2026
        a. Cash and investments remain strong. **Approved by consensus as presented.**
    b) Statements of Activities for the twelve months ending June 30, 2026, and 2025 were reviewed. Highlights include,
        a. Total offerings reflect a 4.77% increase over prior year and a 6.9% increase over budget. Regular Sunday, only, offerings are above budget by $11,994.
        b. Realized gains are primarily June activity DSP interest from first half of 2026.
        c. Total income of $282,099.00 is 6.13% over last year.
        d. Total expense of $171,938.00 is 2.11% over last year.
        e. **Approved by consensus as presented.**
    c) The Diocesan Annual Report
        a. Total income per Statement of Activities is $282,099.00 minus the cemetery $23,345.00 and fundraising expenses netted against revenue in the report $1,922.00 equals $256,832.00, which balances with the Parish Fund page of the annual report.
        b. The total expenses per Statement of Activities are $171,938.00 minus the cemetery $4,005.00, and fundraising expenses netted against revenue in the report $1,922.00 equals $166,011.00 which balances with the Parish Fund page of the annual report.
        c. Buildings and Improvements for the year include $257,250 for the church roof.
        d. Statistics show increase in some areas with a steady or slight decrease in other areas.
        e. **Approved by consensus as presented.**

2. Facilities
    a) Catholic Mutual Inspection
        a. The Catholic Mutual inspections were reviewed. A few minor items were sighted, and these have been corrected.
    b) Projects & Wish List
        a. The church roof has been completed with an additional cost of just under $7,000 for the flat roof repairs.
        b. Joe K. was able to get pictures of the parking lot with the drone.
        c. The two quotes for the tiling of the parking lot were Stennes Excavating of $9,800 and Tim Suchy's bid was updated to $9,300. Jordon will contact Dwayne to find out if the Waldorf brothers wanted to submit a quote for the project. **It was approved by all to schedule the tiling for this fall, if possible.**
        d. Wish list items as priority:
            1. The painting of the archway in front of the sanctuary
            2. The church ceiling
            3. Upgrade the sound system – speakers with mixer
        e. Wish list items removed from the list:
            1. Additional insulation in church ceiling
            2. Chandelier lighting in the church

Action Items

1. Tim/Gary: Handicap parking: Put off until the parking lot has been redone.
2. Tim Baas/Shawn Becker: Concrete project in the spring of 2027.
3. Todd: Contact Tricorne for an assessment of the church sound system.
4. Shawn/Jordon: Track lighting for the Divine Mercy portrait in the church basement.
5. Sharon: Add a reminder to parishioners' envelopes encouraging increased giving to help cover rising expenses, if possible. Regular giving helps meet ongoing costs. Sharon will contact the envelope company.

Old/New Business

1. All Things New: Nothing, currently.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 7:15 pm

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8;31 pm.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon Marthaler.