

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH COUNCIL REPORT – TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2025

Members Present: Stewart Bober, Bill Stroup, Dcn. Bryan, Lisa Briggs, David Smith, Fr. Brian, Regina Sharpe

Members Absent: Amy Ossenheim, Kevin Briggs, Brendalynn Barlow

Meeting began at 7:20 with a prayer.

The Parish Council Report from 5/20/2025 was approved with no corrections.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. MMA: The Montrose Ministerial Association held their Men's Group Breakfast at Good Shepherd on Saturday, August 2. Approximately 45 men were in attendance. The group named "Men of Steel" will meet on Saturday, September 13 from 7:00-8:00 a.m. at the Global Methodist Church. All men are welcome to attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Fall Celebration/Parish Potluck: The council discussed having the annual Fall Potluck on Sunday, September 28 following the 11:15 a.m. Mass. Bill will ask a few of the ladies from the parish if they would be willing to organize. It was also discussed the possibility of having Corn Hole available outside and a Euchre Tournament.
2. Saints & Scholars Campaign: The kick-off for the bishop's Saints & Scholars Campaign will be the weekend of September 27 & 28. Fr. Brian will have details of this campaign in the upcoming weeks. We are in need of volunteers who would be willing to help with follow up phone calls and/or answer any questions regarding the campaign. There will be a training meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 10. The meeting will be held at St. Robert's.
3. Community Blessing: The Montrose Community Blessing will be held on Sunday, September 7 at 6:00 p.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Bell in Barber Park. If raining, it will take place in the Township Hall.

PARISH ORGANIZATION

1. Knights of Columbus: Deacon Bryan Root
 - a. The Knight of the Month was Matt DeHate and the Family of the Month was Matt Conn.
 - b. Many Knights were in attendance at the Lansing Lugnuts Vocation Night on Friday, August 1.
 - c. The Knights will hold a Euchre Tournament on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
 - d. The Knights helped cook pancakes for the Blueberry Festival on Saturday, August 16.
 - e. The Knights will have a Corporate Communion on Sunday, August 31.
 - f. The Knights will hold their annual MI Drive the first weekend in October.
 - g. The Knights will be helping Power's High School fill 60,000 boxes of food on Saturday, November 1. Anyone is welcome to come and help.

COMMISSIONS:

1. Finance Council: Stewart Bober
 - a. The most current Sunday & Holy Day Contribution Report was handed out. To date we are approximately \$1900.00 above our budgeted income.
2. Christian Service: Carol Lawrence
 - a. Carol put a notice in the bulletin that we are in need of prayer shawls and prayer blankets as our supply is running low. Donations can be knit, crochet or sewn. Completed items can be dropped off at the parish office.

3. Worship: Fr. Brian
 - a. Bill reported that we have one person signed up for OCIA so far.
4. Social Media: Carol Lawrence
 - a. Carol is highlighting Adoration, OCIA classes, Blood Drive and the Knight's Fish Fry's on the website.
 - b. Carol posted an article on the Knight's Webpage showing the parking lot sealing project.
 - c. We are averaging 51 users on the parish app.
 - d. We average 45-50 people viewing the weekly newsletter. (we email 104)

BINGO: Amy Ossenheimer

- a. No Report.

YOUTH GROUP: David Smith

1. The last Youth Group meeting for the summer was on Sunday, August 10. The Youth Group was joined by Fr. Christian at Top Golf. They had a good time, food and fun.
2. Youth Group will start back up on their regular schedule from 4-6 p.m. on Sunday, September 14.

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Lisa M. Briggs

1. Lisa and Fr. Brian have been working on a calendar for the next school year with input from other catechist. They will have a final plan in the next week or so.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE: Kevin Briggs, Brendalynn Barlow, Regina Sharpe

1. No Report.

The meeting ended at 8:30 p.m. with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann Kaczmarczyk