

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH COUNCIL REPORT – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025

Members Present: Stewart Bober, Bill Stroup, Dcn. Bryan, Lisa Briggs, Fr. Brian

Members Absent: Regina Sharpe, Brendalynn Barlow, Lydia Diem, David Smith

Meeting began at 7:15 with a prayer.

The Parish Council Report from 9/16/2025 was approved with no corrections.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Fall Potluck: The council discussed the turn-out for the Fall Potluck that was held on Sunday, September 28. The food was amazing and it was a beautiful day. Dcn. Bryan won the prize for corn-hole. It was suggested that next year if we have a corn-hole tournament, we have a sign-up sheet.
2. Saints & Scholars Campaign: The kick-off weekend for the Saints & Scholars Campaign was on September 27 and September 28. Volunteers have been making phone calls to make sure everyone received their packet and to see if anyone has any questions.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. All Saints Day: Lisa Briggs asked the Knights if they would be willing to purchase a book about All Saints to give to each child that will be dressing up as a saint for the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, November 1.

PARISH ORGANIZATION

1. Knights of Columbus: Deacon Bryan Root
 - a. The Knights raised over \$12,000.00 from the MI Tootsie Roll Drive that was held on October 3 and 4.
 - b. The Knights "Free Throw Contest" will be held in December this year.
 - c. The 40 Days for Life Campaign is still ongoing.
 - d. The Knight of the month was Warren Edwards and the Family of the month was Curt & Virginia Palinsky.
 - e. There will be a Cor Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 22 for the men of the parish.
 - f. There will be an Altar Server training session on Tuesday, October 28, following the 6:30 p.m. Mass.
 - g. The next Euchre Tournament will be on Wednesday, November 5 at 6:30 p.m.
 - h. The Knights will be participating in a March for Life in Lansing on Thursday, November 6.
 - i. The Knights will have a Corporate Communion on Sunday, November 30.

COMMISSIONS:

1. Finance Council: Stewart Bober
 - a. The most current Sunday & Holy Day Contribution Report was handed out. To date we are approximately \$500.00 below our budgeted income.
2. Christian Service: Carol Lawrence
 - a. We will be sponsoring five children with the Christmas Giving Tree this year.
3. Worship: Fr. Brian
 - a. We will have a 10:00 a.m. Mass on Thanksgiving Day.

4. Social Media: Carol Lawrence

- a. Carol is highlighting 40 Days for Life, the Baby Bottle Drive, Adoration Sign-up and the Weekly Fish Fry and upcoming Blood Drive. She also posted information for the Saints and Scholars Campaign, with a link to the video and ways to make a gift online.

BINGO: Debra Wing

- a. No Report.

YOUTH GROUP: David Smith

1. The Breakfast with Santa will be on Saturday, December 13.
2. David would like to visit the Montrose Cemetery with the Youth Group on Sunday, November 2.
3. David is working on scheduling a time to volunteer at the North End Soup Kitchen.
4. No Youth Group the weekend of November 30th and the weekend of December 28th.

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Lisa M. Briggs

1. Approximately 30 children began the 2025-2026 Religious Education program on Friday, September 26.
2. Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for providing and paying for the bus and transportation fees.
3. Thank you to Becky Root, Rachel DeHate, Connie Tripp, Kathy Harrison, Deb Hamilton, Bill Stroup, Julie Kane, and Lisa Briggs for serving as catechists.
4. The Confirmation students began meeting on Sunday, October 5. Various women of the parish are planning to be invited to be guests at the Confirmation class. This is to enhance the learning and sharing time since we have one candidate this year for Confirmation.
5. Students are invited to honor and dress up as a saint for the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, November 1. A light cookie and punch reception will be held after Mass. Donations of cookies are being requested.
6. The Mass of Enrollment will be held on Sunday, November 9. A breakfast and meeting in the Family Life Center will follow.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE: Brendalynn Barlow, Regina Sharpe, Lydia Diem

1. No Report.

The meeting ended at 8:20 p.m. with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kaczmarczyk