

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH COUNCIL REPORT – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

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

Members Absent: Regina Sharpe, Brendalynn Barlow

Meeting began at 7:25 with a prayer.

The Parish Council Report from 8/19/2025 was approved with no corrections.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Fall Potluck: The council discussed the details of the Fall Potluck that will be held on Sunday, September 28, following the 11:15 a.m. Mass. Lady volunteers from the parish will help with the set-up. The church will provide chicken and Robert Jacobs will provide meatballs and gravy. There will be prizes for the Corn Hole Tournament and the Euchre Tournament. Lisa Briggs will have face painting for the children and Becky Root will have pumpkins for children to paint.
2. Saints & Scholars Campaign: The kick-off weekend for the Saints & Scholars Campaign will be September 27 and September 28. Good Shepherd will play the Bishop's video appeal at Mass. St. Robert's held a training meeting on Wednesday, September 10 for those who volunteered to help with the upcoming campaign.
3. Community Blessing: Dcn. Bryan reported that close to 80 people participated at the Montrose Back to School and Community Blessing that was held on Sunday, September 7 at the Veteran's Memorial Bell in Barber Park.
4. Men of Steel: Dcn. Bryan reported that approximately 45 men participated in the Men's Breakfast that was held at the Global Methodist Church on Saturday, September 13. The next breakfast will be held on Saturday, October 11 at the Real Life Church. All men are invited to attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

PARISH ORGANIZATION

1. Knights of Columbus: Deacon Bryan Root
 - a. The Knights had a good turn-out for the Euchre Tournament that was held on Wednesday, September 3. The next tournament will be on Wednesday, October 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Knight's Hall.
 - b. The Knights participated in a Living Rosary that was held on the lawn of the Lansing Capitol on Saturday, September 13.
 - c. The Knights will hold an Exemplification after Mass on Sunday, September 21st.
 - d. The Knights will hold their annual MI Tootsie Roll Drive on October 3, and 4.
 - e. There will be a Life Chain in downtown Montrose on Sunday, October 5 at 3:00 p.m. Participants will hold Pro-Life signs for one hour.
 - f. Doug Powell was the Knight of the Month and Bryan & Aimee Deloney were the Family of the Month.
 - g. The Fish Fry's began on Friday, September 5.
 - h. The 40 Days for Life begins on September 23. To sign-up to pray outside Planned Parenthood on Beecher Road visit the website 40daysforlife.com and click on Flint Vigil.

COMMISSIONS:

1. Finance Council: Stewart Bober
 - a. The most current Sunday & Holy Day Contribution Report was handed out. To date we are approximately \$700.00 below our budgeted income.
2. Christian Service: Carol Lawrence
 - a. We still are in need of prayer blankets and prayer shawls.
3. Worship: Fr. Brian
 - a. Bill reported that we have three candidates for OCIA from Good Shepherd.
 - b. Dcn. Bryan reported that he would like to hold an Altar Server training. We are in need of more altar servers.
4. Social Media: Carol Lawrence
 - a. Carol is highlighting OCIA classes, the Parish Potluck and the weekly Fish Fry's.

BINGO:

- a. We are in need of workers. Many teams are short on help.

YOUTH GROUP: David Smith

1. The Youth Group began meeting for the school year on Sunday, September 14. Approximately 10 teens were in attendance. Fr. Christian was able join them.

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Lisa M. Briggs

1. Lisa has completed the calendar for Religious Education. Religious Education classes will begin on Friday, September 26 for children in Pre-K through 7th grade. Montrose children will once again take a bus to Good Shepherd from school. Confirmation children will meet on Sunday's beginning October 5.
2. The Mass of Enrollment for 2nd graders and 7th graders will be held on Sunday, November 9 at the 11:15 a.m. Mass.
3. St. Robert's will hold a Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, October 18 and Sunday, October 19.
4. The Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Boyea will be held at Good Shepherd Church on Monday, May 4.

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

1. No Report.

The meeting ended at 8:10 p.m. with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann Kaczmarczyk