

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH COUNCIL REPORT – TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2026

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

Guests: Carl Golembeski, Bryan Andres

Members Absent: Brendalynn Barlow, Debra Wing, Regina Sharpe

Meeting began at 7:25 with a prayer.

The Parish Council Report from 5/19/2026 was approved with no corrections.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Council President: We are still looking for a president for Parish Council. Bill will continue to serve until we can find his replacement.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mass Attendance: Carl Golembeski expressed his concern over the low attendance at the Masses and how we might bring people back to our parish. Some suggestions included praying for those who have left and inviting our families and friends to who have fallen away to come back.
2. Security: Dcn. Bryan said that it was discussed at the Knight's meeting, that we are in need of security cameras on the property, especially in the back of the church. He also would like to have an Usher's Meeting to have a plan in the case of an emergency and to have more awareness of any activity going on outside during Mass.

PARISH ORGANIZATION

1. Knights of Columbus: Deacon Bryan Root
 - a. The Knight's have a Facebook page now.
 - b. The Knight's paid \$500.00 to repair the damage done to the roof of the Family Life Center.
 - c. The Knight's took four altar servers to Vocations Night at the Lansing Lugnuts game on Friday, August 7.
 - d. The Knight's helped with the pancake breakfast duuring Blueberry Festival weekend.
 - e. The Knights will have their Officer Installation following the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, August 22. There will be refreshments following.
 - f. The Knights will have a Corporate Communion on Sunday, August 23 and a 3rd degree exemplification following the Mass.
 - g. Fish Fry's will begin on Friday, September 11.
 - h. There will be a Living Rosary on Sunday, September 13 from 2-3 on the Capital lawn in Lansing.

COMMISSIONS:

1. Finance Council: Stewart Bober
 - a. The most current Sunday & Holy Day Contribution Report was handed out. To date we are approximately \$1100.00 below our budgeted goal.

2. Worship: Fr. Brian (Dcn Bryan)

- a. We have some new Altar Servers that attended the Altar Server training meeting and also some new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

BINGO: Debra Wing

- a. No Report.

YOUTH GROUP: David Smith

1. Thank you to the Sharpe family for the new couch for the youth room.
2. Youth Group will begin meeting every Sunday beginning on September 13.

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Lisa M. Briggs

1. Lisa is working on the final calendar for Religious Education.
2. There will be a catechist gathering on Friday, September 11.
3. Religious Ed will begin on Friday, September 18 for grades Pre-K/K through 7th.
4. The Confirmation class will meet on Sunday's beginning in October.

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

1. No Report.

The meeting ended at 8:40 p.m. with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann Kaczmarczyk".

Ann Kaczmarczyk