

Highlights from the Parish Council Meeting April 23, 2026

Minutes: The minutes of the January 15, 2026 Parish Council meeting were approved.

Finance:

The Balance Sheet ending March 31, 2026 was distributed and discussed.

Building and Grounds Updates:

Church Steeple/Roof: There is severe damage to the church steeple and roof due to hail, missing shingles, etc. Solutions for the repair/replacement work were discussed.

A copy of the Catholic Mutual insurance policy for St. John's parish was requested. This information is held by the archdiocese and will need to be received from them.

A bid was submitted by RJM Roofing, LLC. Scope of work would include: Install new fascia and soffit, siding, flashings, downspouts, lift or scaffolding, removal and replacement of original gutters.

Discussions:

- Deterioration of the parking lot due to heavy trash dumpsters and trash trucks. We would like to have this repaired before this year's festival.
- WIFI throughout campus.
- Water leak in auditorium was addressed.
- Auditorium bathrooms remodel currently placed on hold.

Sacristy/Confessional: The remodel of the church sacristy and confessional will most likely take place later in the year.

Church/Parish: The Holy Week/Easter season went smoothly. There were no suggestions involving any changes for next year. Fr. Joseph believes that the number of participants increased this year.

World Cup Soccer Grant: St. John's will not be receiving any money from the World Cup grant program. All funds were given to Kansas City, Missouri. We will continue to hold Croatian watch parties and target our own guests and participants.

125th Anniversary Book: There are still several books in the rectory waiting to be picked up. Fr. Joseph suggested that these buyers be contacted with a reminder to pick up their books. It was suggested that the remainder of the books be offered for sale at the Mother's Day breakfast, Father's Day breakfast, as well as at the soccer watch parties and festivals.

Auditorium Rental and Operations Committee:

The rental committee has met to work on the terms of the auditorium as well as the church basement rental agreement. They are in the process of finalizing a contract, and will submit a proposed contract to Fr. Joseph for approval and implementation.

Deanery Meetings: A presentation was made of the deanery meetings that were held on February 3, 2026 with the priests and parish representatives from the archdiocese as well as the meeting held on March 3, 2026 with representatives just from our deanery (Eleven parishes from Wyandotte County) that discussed how parishes can come together to thrive and grow in faith.

Red Mass: Fr. Joseph reported that the annual Red Mass celebrated for all members of the legal sector will be held at St. John's this year on Sunday, October 4 at 2:00 p.m. Archbishop Shawn McKnight will be the celebrant of the Mass.

Festival: Area businesses have been asked for keg donations and we have received positive responses. There is also a sponsorship idea to "Adopt a Keg" as a means to raise money.

Rectory Operations: There appears to still be issues with some of the tax documents received by parishioners. Fr. Joseph asked that specific issues be brought to his attention in order to rectify any future problems or software issues.

Storage of Instruments: There is a need for storage options of the HO/HO2 instruments.

Altar Society: The Altar Society is planning for the annual Father's Day breakfast to be held on Sunday, June 21, 2026. Tickets will be sold for \$5.00.

St. John's Club:

- Bingo event went well.
- Soccer Watch Party dates: June 17, 23, and 27 plus knock out/playoffs
- Discussed installing 2 Croatian flags on flag poles in front of the school. Fr. Joseph suggested that there be one Croatian flag and one Vatican flag.

Senior Citizens: Seniors continue to meet once per month.

Choir: The choir is still rehearsing, but coming to the end of the season. We are looking into obtaining a new hymn board with more lines, easy to read numbers, and affixed to the wall.

Resurrection School: The school is doing well.

Upcoming Meeting Date: The next meeting date of the Parish Council is scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Remarks: Fr. Joseph stated that he would like to invite Archbishop Shawn McKnight and Cardinal Cupich of Chicago to attend our summer festival and Mass. The council readily agreed.