

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 26, 2026

**I. Opening prayer and attendance**

The Holy Trinity Parish Council Meeting was called to order at 11:15 am. In attendance were Fr. Dietrich, Lisa Karr (trustee); Dave Karr (grounds); Wayne Bonifas, Christy Kirschner. Also in attendance were Cherie Bonifas, LaRae Schunk, Mary Burken, and Mikayla Niederklein. Excused was Kelly Kohmetscher.

**II. Financial Review**

**A. Current Finances**

The parish currently has \$81,197.54 in the main checking account. We began the year with \$42,714.83. It may be time to put some of the money away in the Diocesan Investment and Loan (DIAL) Account for future use. We have \$4,632.00 in the parish Cemetery checking account.

Money currently in parish DIAL Accounts: \$4,632.00 in the Cemetery Fund, \$9,391.22 in the Altar Society Fund; \$25,135.25 in the Main Account; \$1,346.82 in the Cemetery Fund; \$42,725.11 in the Memorial Fund.

**B. Review of 2026-2027 Budget/recommendations & adjustments**

Father Dietrich shared his proposed budget for the 2026/2027 Fiscal Year. Members may review it as their leisure and make any recommended changes to Father Dietrich before the budget is submitted to the diocese in August.

**III. New Business**

**A. Letter on the Liturgy: ideas, opinions on music/singing of Mass parts**

Father Dietrich opened discussion on the recent letter from the diocese regarding the liturgy. The parish seems content with the amount of singing/chanting currently in practice, and open to increasing the use of chant to some extent.

B. Father Dietrich asked if the parish is content with the Missalettes we are using from Oregon Catholic Press. The parish seems happy with the Breaking Bread Missalettes currently in use. In discussing the number needed, it was decided that we want 4 per pew; with 20 pews, plus the side pews, that would come to approximately 100 total, plus a few of the Missalettes with Daily Mass readings.

**C. 2027 Calendar layout**

Father Dietrich shared 3 different lay out options for the parish calendars. It was proposed to go with the layout that works for Merten-Butler Funeral homes to serve as the sponsor. Father Dietrich will weigh opinions from the other 3 parishes and then make a final decision.

**D. Envelopes for the poor**

Father Dietrich would like to have envelopes made available in the back of church, perhaps only a few months out of the year, to generate a fund to assist needy people in the area. Although there are social service agencies in the region to provide help, the parish receives calls mostly for people with dire and immediate needs: gas, rent, or food. Requests come very sporadically, but when they come, the need is usually urgent. It was agreed that envelopes to donate towards such help will be offered to the parish.

**IV. Items from Council Members**

The parish has a lawn mover that has not been used all season; it was suggested to it be sold rather than perpetually stored. Currently, the people mowing the lawns at both the parish and the cemetery use their own movers.

**V. Next meeting date/adjournment**

The next meeting will be sometime towards the end of October/beginning of November; it may be a regional meeting of all 4 parishes at either Campbell or Red Cloud.

There being no other business brought up by parish members, the meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer at 12 Noon.

Respectfully submitted by Father Doug Dietrich