

St Margaret of Scotland Pastoral and Finance Council
AGENDA – September 8, 2026, 1:30 PM

I. Opening Prayer

II. Roll Call: Present – Father J. Dorner, Marcie, Ed, Don, Jenn, Suzanne, Jim, Pam –
Absent: Kathy and Andy

III. Approval of Agenda: Added “Old Business.” Ed made motion to approve and Jim seconded – unanimous.

IV. Approve May 2026 Meeting Minutes as reviewed—motion to approve Marcie and Ed seconded – unanimous.

V. Pastoral Council

a. Rescue Project: Father Joe thanked all for the support of the project, handed out the prayer list. St. Anthony will be open between 5:30-7:30pm for prayers for the success of the project. St. Margaret will not be available. Father suggested during this time to say prayer to the Holy Spirit, rosary, and any other prayers people chose.

b. Increasing attendance at Holy Mass, brainstorming: Father will “plug” the Holy Day the weekend before to parishioners. Share any feedback on times for the Masses with Jenn and/or Father. Father will publish a Holy Day Mass schedule soon.

c. November 5th Day of Encounter with the Holy Spirit: Father handed out brochures for the event and encouraged people to attend and discussed carpooling-please consider attending.

d. Sister Parish support: Father was grateful for the parishes supporting the 100th Anniversary in Aurora and commented that people from all parishes were in attendance. A very successful event.

VI. Finance Council

a. Reviewed and discussed the year end Balance Sheet along with the chart provided by Dawn Johnson-St. Anthony’s-motion to approve Jim and seconded Marcie-unanimously.

b. Additional discussion around making our money work for us. After some discussion, Father asked that Jim and Ed go to FFCU and gather information regarding our Money Market account along with CD options, and any other investment information available. Father will provide Jim.

with a name and number to reach out to at the Diocese to discuss investments.

c. Carol Scheidt donation should not be restricted based on conversation Pam had with Gail Wollenburg.

c. Buildings and Grounds:

i. Repair around roof drains. Don will contact contractors

ii. Lawn care completed for the season by Dal Santo Family. Group agreed that a gift card to the family was appropriate.

iii. Some restroom repair is needed.

iv. Discussion surrounding plowing the parking lot – should we plow less-would that reduce cost. Don to discuss options with Newingham and let us know.

v. No responses to requests for landscaping suggestions. Father will talk to Bonnie Nowland-if she is not able, we will talk to Pam’s neighbor. Also Don talking with Gaile, Bonne, Sue & Suzanne from the parish about interest

vi. Drape for confessional in progress

vii. Buying salt for winter – Father asked Don to reach out to Zaks Landscaping as they recommended a source for St. Anthony’s larger purchase.

viii. Discussed concrete work – Shad Brown was selected with work to begin in spring, and Father will discuss fundraiser with the parish in due time. Jim will research the epoxy type surfacing vs. new concrete - Don & Jim met with epoxy company, and resurfacing will not work for our parish

VII. Old Business

- a. Father reached out to the family involved in the tragic fire and they did not respond.
- b. Carol Scheidt's daughter has found a bench and plans to pay for that herself.
- c. Spotlights are completed on the road.
- d. Rosary has been repaired, and Don is working to put back on church
- e. Father is no longer considering backlighting the front cross. The white cloth is sufficient.
- f. Flagpole has been picked up and ready to install. Jenn will get a card for father to write a thank you to the Linsmeyer Family.
- g. Landscaping ideas included above (see section d., line v.)
- h. Father will put together a calendar for the year on timing for changes to the altar and church décor. He will get that to Jenn so she can set up volunteers in advance of when needed. Father will also talk to Mary Lou

VII. Next Meeting: November 10, 2026, 1:30 pm.

VII. Concluding prayer: Father Dorner