

Holy Family Finance Council minutes

Sept. 17, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Gineris at 5:30 p.m. in the Holy Family North Conference Room.

Attendance: Very Rev. Fr. Ryan Pruess, Holy Family Director of Finance and Human Resources Ellen Kant, Chairman Steve Gineris, Trustees Jeff Fellers and Harry Schneider, and members at large Louie Paynter, Laurie Schlosser, Steve Hess, Dave Reilly and Dave Kusek. Absent: Paul Graham.

Opening Prayer: Prayer for Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati was read by the group.

Approval of minutes: June 25, 2025 minutes were approved (Schneider/Reilly)

Additions to the agenda—none

As the group has not met in July and August, there were several months of financial highlights to examine over 1.5 hours.

Financials:

A sum of \$220,000 was submitted to the Archdiocese (6% of revenue) as the parish's annual payment for fiscal year 2026. The amount is greater than the 5.5% submitted previously—a sum of \$211,000.

The majority of Love One Another funds are being put toward the Sacred Heart project. Holy Family reached a campaign total of 75% of goal (\$3.32 million), which if all received, would result in \$1.9 million allocated back to Holy Family.

Collections and votive candle income has been down over summer. As of mid-September, individual collections were down (\$17,966) under budget for August 2025, and down \$20,725 year to date. Net deficit as of August 31 was (\$25,553).

Summer cash drawing did well—\$8,916 in August 2025, versus \$6,567 in August 2024.

The Holy Family Endowment Fund has a net balance of \$1,125,991. The Fund to date has added \$911,974 in contributions, \$249,566 in investment and income gains, less \$35,549 in fees. A Human Concerns Endowment Fund started with a \$2 million contribution in February has an ending balance as of 6.30.2025 of \$2,103,501. (The Fund will be used to support the Warming Shelter.)

Parish updates:

Sacred Heart update: Lighting fixtures have been ordered and progress is being made on the project. (Capelle & Diedrich is general contractor; Studio I.O. is design firm).

Of note: the estimate received for the audio system was \$160,000, about double of the initial estimate from the design firm. The overall project cost as of mid-September is \$2.34 million. Project costs were about \$4,000 under budget.

Fr. Ryan estimated an actual completion of the project, with parishioners being back in Sacred Heart, is likely to be in January 2026. (It's possible for late December, but would require a very aggressive timeline.)

Holy Family door project – installation of new doors is scheduled for Oct. 6-7. Doors being replaced will be available if there is interest.

Save the dates: Cor Unum awards take place Wednesday, Sept. 24 at Holy Family; Vatican II Awards (Fr. Ryan Pruess to receive Leadership in the Priesthood) on Thursday, Sept. 25 at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Milwaukee. Plans are being made for a Living Nativity that will take place Sunday, Dec. 7.

Next meeting: Oct. 15, 2025 (Report to Pastoral Council 7 p.m.)

Meeting adjourned: 7 p.m.

Submitted by Laurie Schlosser