

ST. JOHN PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

October 8, 2026-6:30 p.m. at St. John XXIII, Cedar Rapids In conjunction with Queen of Saints Parish Councils

Call to order and opening prayer by Father Nick March

Father Nick discussed volunteer opportunities available specific to original QOS parishes.

Delivery of Norway offerings to Van Horne office; leads for baptismal and marriage preparation; standing committee volunteers; finance commission pastorate members.

Reminder of online Archdiocese survey due October 25, 2026

Roll Call: Present-Tami Fisher

Absent-Jeff Bridgewater, Therese Fisher

Approval of minutes: n/a due to new committee/format.

*Tami has reviewed both St. John parish and Queen of Saints financials forwarded by Jaci from the QOS office. The new budget began July 2026.

*Due to unavailability of two St. John members, Tami joined with St. Paul-Newhall.

*Much of the meeting was led with Rosemary Olson from St. Paul, reviewing history and specifics for members to look at in understanding the financials.

*Comments: Our understanding that the subsidy will coincide with #of parish families?

Mass times and loss of Sunday mass times will adversely affect tithing. Losing sense of community.

Questioned check to St. Jude under Parish cluster for \$683.05. Father explained briefly that St. Jude pastorate cannot be corporation?

Do audits take place and are they not recommended?

Questioned hiring of staff positions and where funding for salaries? Father indicated that already incorporated in subsidy.

IC questioned why Finance and Councils met separately as parish planning would coincide.

Feeling of confusion as we reorganize into the pastorate. Important to maintain our spirituality and community as we build.

Next meeting is January 14, 2027 at 6:30 p.m. at St. John XXIII.

Closing prayer led by Father Nick.

Respectfully submitted by Tami Fisher