# St. Gregory Parish Council
# Approved Minutes
# May 12, 2026

**Present**: Fr. Josuva, Dcn. Gary Wilhelm, Jean Blattner, Roseann Schuchardt, Steve Noworatzky, Jeff Satori, Rita Steffen
**Not Present**: Tre Waldren

Jean Blattner called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

**Opening Prayer:** Lectio Divina

**Review of March Minutes:** No changes/additions Steve made the motion to approve, Jeff seconded. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports:** Reviewed with no additional questions or concerns regarding committee reports. Jean provided details on the youth group ABLAZE.

## Old Business

**Update from Allen Dietrich regarding former daycare building:** We are holding on to the former daycare building as a potential rectory for a future priest until the rectory in School Hill has a first-floor bedroom and full bath. The cost for us to retain the building is estimated at $500 per year. If we needed to, we could create a suitable residence in the former daycare building. Any additional questions should be directed to Allen.

## New Business

**2026-27 Council Meeting Changes**

The Council went into closed session for discussion of changes.

**Faith and Family has dissolved.**

Activities will either continue under new care or will discontinue.

- Youth Mass - Liturgy Committee
- Couples' Night - Independent (volunteers)
- St. Valentine Party - Faith Formation
- Taco Night - Ablaze Youth Group
- Votives and Vigils - discontinuing due to more adoration opportunities at HT
- 7-Church Walk - Monastery might take on
- Parade - Independent (Jeff will discuss with last year's participants)
- Monastery Cleanup – Independent
- Mass of Remembrance – Liturgy Committee

**Discussion: Ministry and Committee Report.**

Should representatives give updates in person to Parish Council at least once per year? Discussion took place and all were in agreement that it would be more personal to get individual feedback in addition to the committee reports. We will recommend this in the upcoming year.

**Discussion: Spiritual & Liturgical Participation and how to increase it**
As mentioned in previous meetings, all parish council members were encouraged to attend as many events as we can. Specifically, participation in reconciliation attendance was poor. Perhaps additional education is needed regarding the importance of reconciliation. Bottom-line, we need to encourage others to attend reconciliation service but ideas on how to make that happen will need further discussion and continued work. The same issue exists regarding the Corpus Christi procession. Father would like to see better coordination in the planning between both parishes regardless of which parish the procession takes place.

**Ministries, Sacristans, Homebound Communion Coordinator, Servers**
There is a huge need for additional members to help serve in these positions and other ministries of the church. Rather than Sacristans being two individuals, this ministry will transition to a small team so that a rotation can be developed. This will also help if someone is sick or out of town. Stewardship Committee is developing a 'Ministry Catalog' to inform parishioners of the available ministries in our parish.

## Upcoming Events:

- Wednesdays AM or Thursdays PM – Diocesan Small Group
- May 25 – Memorial Day Masses & Services @ SG & HT
- June 7 – Corpus Christi 9am @ HT, also will be nametag Sunday
- June 12 – 8am Mass & Holy Hour – 250th Anniversary of the Founding of US @ SG
- June 12 – Spring Fling/Golf Outing at Autumn Ridge
- June 13 & 14 – Graduate Blessing at all Masses
- June 15-18 – Father gone on Retreat

## Other Business

We recently had to purchase a new Book of the Gospels due to condition issues. Deacon requested to personally keep the old Book of the Gospels, if there is no objection. Jean made a motion to allow, Roseanne seconded. All agreed this was acceptable.

Fr. Josuva closed the meeting with prayer
Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Next meeting date and time: Tuesday, June 9 at 6pm

Respectfully submitted.
Jeff Satori, Pastoral Council Secretary

# St. Gregory Parish Council
# Closed Session Minutes
# May 12, 2026

**2026-27 Council Meeting Changes – Close Session notes**

We have been discussing for a while the possibility of having a joint parish council meeting between St Gregory and Holy Trinity. There will still be two separate councils, but we will be meeting together. It will still occur once a month. All sub-councils are already joined with Holy Trinity. (Stewardship & Liturgy are already joined.) The reason for a joint meeting is because there are times where one council would like to pursue something which requires input from the other council. When that happens, we must wait another month to get feedback and sometimes that leads to confusion.
This applies to Parish Council only. Finance will remain separate.

How will we handle issues which are specific to a single parish? On occasion, additional input from others would be helpful. However, if there is a specific agenda item which only applies to one parish, those discussions can take place individually after the joint meeting.

Who would oversee the meeting? There would be one co-chair from each parish. The meeting location would alternate each month. When meeting at SG, the SG chair would lead and vice versa for HT.
The parish would consist of 5 members from each parish (2 co-chairs, 2 secretary trustees, and 3 members) for a total of 10 members.
Currently, SG has 4 members but rather than add one more from SG, Father suggests that we leave as is since HT has 6 members for a total of 10. Next year, when parish members' terms are complete, we can get the numbers evened out. When it comes to voting, there was discussion about whether it is fair to have uneven numbers per parish. Would HT always get the advantage on voting? Under most situations, everyone agrees that we will probably avoid conflict. However, it may give the perception of favoritism with uneven members. We discussed the example of providing a book at Christmas where SG may not be in favor, but HT is, would SG always have to default to what HT prefers. An option was also discussed that in terms of voting; we need to keep the voting numbers even. For example, even though HT may have 6 members, only 4 would be allowed to vote to keep things fair. In case of ties, Father would always be the tiebreaker. Deacon would back up Father when he is not available.

What's the role of office staff (Barb and Rita)? Would they both need to attend? When meeting occurs at SG, Rita will attend, when meeting occurs at HT Barb will attend. To keep them both in the loop, it would be important to get the meeting minutes distributed much quicker.

Who would be taking meeting minutes? There would only be one person taking minutes.

SG Parish Council meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month while HT Parish Council meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, when would the joint council meet? Since the location would alternate each month, so would the date. When meeting at SG, the meeting will be on 2nd Tues. Next month when meeting at HT, the meeting will be on 3rd Tues.

SG currently meets 11 times a year, HT meets 10 times a year. What is the schedule for the joint council meetings? We will meet 10 times a year. No scheduled meeting in December or July. Also, there will be no meeting while Father is on vacation.