

Finance Meeting

January 15, 2026

Members in attendance: Dennis Fessler, Jared Weydert, Brad Stoecklein, Avis Marshall, Fr. Bill Peckman, Leigh Ann Grant and Laura Edwards

Fr. Bill opened with prayer.

The Minutes from October 16, 2025 were read. Avis Marshall made a motion to approve, Brad Stoecklein seconded. Minutes approved.

Fr. Bill briefly updated old business from previous meeting. Noting that the Building and Maintenance projects that were noted in the last meeting have been completed. Additional security cameras have been installed in various places on church and school sites as well as a new punch type entry mechanism on the cafeteria door. Fr. expressed that he is happy with all the upgrades and repairs and explained that an upcoming project, possibly for spring or when school is dismissed for summer, will be to repair and or replace cement deterioration, some of which is exposing original rebar. The church AC unit on the lower floor will need replacement sooner than later as well.

Finances were reviewed. Laura provided a Parish and School Spreadsheet. The Diocese is still working out the kinks of the new QuickBooks program and running independent reports for accounts has not been implemented to date.

Leigh Ann Grant shared school updates noting the following:

- Second Semester is well on its way. Students are working hard and looking forward to spring.
- Leigh Ann and Pre-K teacher, Madeline Armstrong have been planning ways to increase awareness and enrollment for the Preschool Program using facebook, our website and scheduling Pre-K engagement/activity nights and an Open House in the upcoming months. Hopefully, along with word-of-mouth, these events and media exposure will promote the Pre-K and the school in a positive light and encourage parents to consider ICS as a great Faith-Based option for their children. Pre-K is a tuition based program of \$500.00 per month.
- Leigh Ann was happy to share that all current faculty has signed their Letter of Intent to continue their teaching for the 2026-2027 School Year at ICS. Contracts will be issued March 1st and return is March 15th.
- ICS Advisory board will begin working on the 2025-2026 School Budget beginning in March. *Avis Marshall expressed that she hoped that money can be found to support the hiring of a school secretary or to perhaps utilize more volunteers to help the students, teachers and other needs that will help alleviate some of the load on the principal.*
- Vince Hummer, former ICS Alumni and CPA—provided information about the new tax laws regarding Qualified Charitable Distributions to help parents and parishioners better understand where and how their charitable giving will be more tax-efficient for individuals and the organizations they contribute.
- This information will be printed and available to pick-up at the entrance of church.
- Leigh Ann also share available information on a program called MOScholars—a Missouri government program that helps parents obtain financial help, if eligible, to choose schools [other than public] to attend. Catholic families can't apply for tuition, as we do not charge