



SPOTLIGHT ON THE FINANCE COUNCIL

At St. Augustine's Parish, the Finance Council plays a vital role behind the scenes, ensuring that our community's spiritual mission is supported with responsible financial stewardship and sound decision-making.

Our Purpose:

The Finance Council advises the pastor on all financial matters and ensures parish resources are managed prudently and transparently. Through thoughtful planning and oversight, the council supports the growth of our ministries, outreach efforts, and the care of parish facilities.

What We Do:

- Oversee budgeting and long-term financial planning
- Monitor income and expenses, including Sunday collections and donations
- Track and approve capital expenditures, including repairs and maintenance
- Review financial reports in alignment with diocesan guidelines
- Support fundraising initiatives and major financial goals
- Provide direction for large expenditures and capital projects
- Receive regular updates from supporting committees such as Building and Stewardship

Committees Under the Council:

While the Finance Council makes key decisions, its work is supported by dedicated committees that investigate, implement, and advise.

Building Committee:

Composed of parishioners with construction and trades expertise, the Building Committee evaluates the condition of parish buildings, oversees routine and long-term maintenance needs, and presents findings to the Finance Council. This process ensures decisions about our sacred spaces are grounded in professional insight and parish priorities.

Stewardship Committee:

The Stewardship Committee encourages parishioners to share their time, talents, and financial gifts. Stewardship is about living gratefully and giving generously—recognizing that all we have is a gift to be shared.

Their responsibilities include:

- Promoting giving as a spiritual practice
- Inspiring volunteerism and involvement in ministries
- Organizing giving campaigns and seasonal appeals
- Connecting parishioners with opportunities to serve

All stewardship efforts are accountable to the Finance Council, ensuring that initiatives across time, talent, and treasure support the council's broader financial vision and the mission of the parish.

Why It Matters:

Strong financial stewardship allows St. Augustine's to remain a thriving community of faith. Through the leadership of the Finance Council—and the support of committees like Building and Stewardship—we ensure that our resources serve the spiritual and practical needs of our parish today and into the future.

WHAT DOES THE PASTORAL COUNCIL DO?

At the heart of parish life, the Pastoral Council at St. Augustine's serves as a guiding body that supports our community's spiritual growth, outreach, and pastoral direction. It offers the pastor insight and perspective drawn from the lived experiences of parishioners.

Who's Involved:

The Council includes the pastor and a group of committed parishioners who bring a diverse range of talents, backgrounds, and involvement in parish life. Members are invited to serve based on pastoral discretion, their active presence in the parish, and their desire to contribute to its spiritual mission.

Our Purpose:

The Council is a consultative body that reflects on the needs, hopes, and opportunities within our community. It exists to provide advice and support to the pastor in shaping the parish's long-term pastoral goals—not to manage day-to-day operations.

What We Do:

- Assist in discerning and planning the parish's pastoral direction
- Foster engagement across ministries and community groups
- Reflect on spiritual formation, outreach initiatives, and parish life
- Offer input to help the parish grow in faith, unity, and service
- Align parish goals with broader diocesan guidance and Catholic values

Representation & Collaboration:

Collaboration happens organically through representation. Parishioners who serve on this council represent various parish groups and ministries, including the Finance Council and often the Property and Stewardship Committees. This ensures their voices and perspectives are part of council discussions and decision-making, helping the council remain rooted in the broader life of the parish.

Why It Matters:

The Pastoral Council plays a key role in shaping the heartbeat of St. Augustine's. It provides a prayerful space for listening, dialogue, and discernment—ensuring our spiritual path reflects the needs and hopes of our faith community.

WHAT IS THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL?

The Executive Council at St. Augustine's Parish serves as a leadership support team that meets more frequently than the Parish Pastoral Council. Its purpose is to help the pastor stay informed, address time-sensitive concerns, and provide quick insight on matters requiring immediate attention.

Our Role:

The Executive Council acts as a steering group that keeps the parish responsive between Council meetings. It's composed of key leaders—including representatives from the Pastoral Council and Finance Council—who work alongside the pastor to guide decisions that can't wait for the council meetings.

What We Do:

- Identify and discuss issues that are time-sensitive or require prompt action
- Coordinate responses to urgent parish needs, whether pastoral, financial, or operational
- Provide leadership support and continuity between Parish Council meetings
- Help ensure ongoing initiatives remain aligned with parish goals and values

Why It Matters:

With many aspects of parish life evolving quickly, the Executive Council offers a nimble and thoughtful way to address challenges and opportunities as they arise. It allows the pastor to lean on trusted advisors and make well-informed decisions that reflect the heart of the community.

INTERESTED IN HELPING?

If you have experience in finance, construction, stewardship, or facilities management, consider joining a committee and contributing to the life of our parish. Contact the parish office to learn more about how you can serve.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS - FALL & WINTER 2025



Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, September 26 - Parish Hall

Join us for a delicious meal with pasta, sauce, meatballs, salad, garlic bread, and entertainment.

- Ticket prices: \$25 adults | \$15 children (ages 3-12) | Free under 3
- Dietary options available: gluten-free, dairy-free, and vegetarian
- Alcohol available for purchase

Tickets sold at the August 24 picnic and the weekends of September 6/7 & 13/14

Trivia Night

Friday, October 24 - 7:00 PM - Parish Hall

Teams of 4-5 compete for fun prizes in this adults-only (19+) evening.

- \$25 per team
- Snacks provided; drinks available for purchase



Movie Night

*Friday, November 28
The Polar Express*

Family-friendly evenings for all ages. Details on refreshments and donations to come. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Seniors Lunch Gatherings

Thursdays - October 23, November 20, December 11 - Parish Hall

Seasonal gatherings continue this fall. A variety of warm meals, refreshments, and activities are planned. Everyone is welcome.

Cob's Bread Fundraiser

Starts in September

Support the parish by selling \$40 Cob's Bread cards—\$20 of each sale comes back to the parish. Available alongside Spaghetti Dinner ticket sales.

Game Night - Save the Date

Coming February 2026

A night of community fun and friendly competition. Details will be shared in the new year.