

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES
BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE
October 13, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Al Marifke called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

ATTENDED: Al Marifke, Mark Van Rixel, Ken Marshman, Dennis Lorentz, Deb Steppe, Mary Piontkowski

EXCUSED: Jerry Beine, Mark Schimenz, Tom Schroeder

MINUTES: The minutes of the September 2025 meeting were approved as written by Mark Van Rixel and seconded by Dennis Lorentz.

FINANCE COUNCIL REPORT: A bequest donation of \$54K has been deposited to the Improvement Fund

OLD BUSINESS:

KITCHEN UPDATES: The kitchen sink project is complete; however, the parish still needs to obtain a copy of the signed permit for its records. A permit request for the ice machine has been submitted, but the inspection has not yet been completed.

DOOR REPLACEMENTS: The Finance Council approved the door replacement request. One of the doors is on special order and is expected to arrive in approximately eight weeks. The installers from LaForce will provide their own masons to address the lintel installation at the new door to Ken's office

PARKING LOT: As no further work can be completed this year, this item has been tabled until spring 2026.

STEEL CORROSION ISSUE: Ken met with Art Merget, a steel restoration specialist, and received a preliminary quote for corrosion repair and painting. Art suggested wrapping the columns to help prevent water damage and further corrosion at the column bases once repairs are made. He can subcontract out this work. Mark Van Rixel inspected some of Art's previous work at a parish in Brookfield and found the quality to be satisfactory. Due to the limited number of tradespeople who perform this type of work, the committee has decided not to seek additional quotes. Ken will obtain a formal proposal.

WEED CONTROL: Weed-Man is scheduled to apply the fall lawn treatment on Tuesday, October 14. They recommend two applications—one in spring and one in fall. The parish has not yet committed to the spring application and will reassess the need in spring 2026.

LABYRINTH: The labyrinth has been removed. Concrete work and grass infill are complete, and the new grass has already received its first mowing.

GRASS CUTTING: Two parishioners have volunteered in response to the request for additional help with lawn care. Deb mentioned that another individual expressed interest during Oktoberfest, and she encouraged him to contact Ken directly.

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RAILINGS AT ALTAR: The original fabrication drawings for the platform could not be located. Ken will reach out to Groth Architects to see if they still have copies on file.

NEW BUSINESS:

BASEMENT FLOODING: Ken presented a potential solution to prevent water from backing up into the basement during heavy rain events. The committee agreed that the idea has merit and will continue to explore its feasibility.

ROUNDTABLE:

SECURITY: A parishioner inquired about how the parish safety plan addresses active shooter scenarios. Deb will follow up with a contact from the Archdiocese for further guidance.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm

NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 8, 2025, at 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Mary C Piontkowski