

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES
BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 12, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER: Mary Piontkowski called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Dennis Lorentz, Ken Marshman, Mary Piontkowski, Mark Shimenz, Tom Schroeder, Deb Steppe

EXCUSED: Jerry Beine, Al Marifke, Mark Van Rixel

MINUTES: The minutes were approved as written by Mark Shimenz and Dennis Lorentz.

FINANCE REPORT: The Building Improvement Fund is approaching a healthy \$400,000, providing us with a good cushion for unexpected emergencies and future projects. Deb received a request for an additional projection screen on the south wall of the church, which would cost \$35,000. Rather than investing such a hefty sum, the committee suggested to either paint the wall white or install a white sheet.

OLD BUSINESS:

BUILDING SECURITY: Deb would like to put together a Safety Committee to address this issue. We decided it should be a free-standing, rather than a sub-committee of B&G. The committee would report directly to Deb.

FRONT LOBBY: We will obtain quotes for reglazing the front windows with Low E glass. The upper panes and behind the grotto will be paneled. Also, we will pursue removing the center mullion and have doors installed that open in opposite directions. This will facilitate funerals so the pallbearers and the casket can remain as one. Further security of the front entrance will be addressed by the new Safety Committee.

ELECTRONIC DOORS: This has been completed, both in the church and the hall.

ALTAR RAILING: The railing itself has been installed, and the wood grip is pending.

SACRISTY SINK: We are having trouble finding a sink that will fit our footprint. While there are products that are appropriate, locating a contractor who can supply this has been the issue.

LIGHTING IN WORSHIP SPACE: We have not received any further information from the involved parties.

EAST DRIVE & SOUTHEAST PARKING LOT: For the involved parking area, there is a process of laying a mix of tar + pea gravel to cover the failing surface. We will pursue this further. The east drive, however, may require replacement. When we have contractors look at the parking lot, we will ask their suggestions for the drive, as well.

KEN'S REPORT: No additional comments.

ROUNDTABLE: A parishioner offered to pay for the installation of ceiling fans in the church. We will discuss the feasibility of this at our next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: December 14, 2026 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Thomas Schroeder