

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026- 6:30 P.M.

## 1. Opening Prayer (Josh Counard)

Lord, guide our hearts and minds as we conduct our business today. Grant us wisdom, fairness, and clarity in all we do. Thank you for your presence and guidance.  
Amen.

**PRESENT:** Carolyn Reuter, Ann Spaude, Kim VanHandel, Paula Helms, Dan Vanboxtel, Cathy Krull, Lee Rynish Andy Huetl,

**ABSENT:** Fr. Sengole Daas, John Steltz, Josh Counard, Kim Laabs, Janet Brill, Dori Bluma

## 2. Recitation of Mission Statement

*Mission Statement: We, the members of St. John the Baptist, will, like our patron, St. John the Baptist, attempt to live lives, individually and as a parish community, that point people to the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ. (John 1:29)*

## 3. Approval/Modification of Agenda

A. Motion by Ann, Dan second

B. Moving forward all committee reports will be alphabetically listed and reported.

## 4. Acknowledgement of [Minutes](#)

A. Motion by Dan, Cathy second

## 5. Pastor Opening Comments

(Fr. Absent)

## 6. Committee Reports:

### Building and Grounds:

A. See report:

a. flat roof, south end of school

B. Letter coming from Dcn Rich to explain the report

### Cemetery:

A. Fireproof file cabinet was purchased for sacramental records, parish records, and cemetery records

B. File cabinet will be placed in Lee's office

### Christian Women:

A. See report

a. No income or expenses (no funerals)

b. Homeless meal going well

### Finance:

A. December was good, overall parish support is up

B. Expenses have increased

### Good Shepherd Nursing Home:

A. This month they are doing activities with Mardi Gras and Lent

B. No trips planned with the weather

C. Residents "travel" within the facility to socialize and spend fun money

**Missionary Discipleship:**

- A. See report

**Parish Activities & Events:**

- A. See report
  - a. Ash Wednesday Lenten project going out

**Worship:**

- A. No meeting this past month so no report

**7. New Business:**

- A. Lee to track kitchen use for funeral to drive decision making regarding equipment (ex: dishwasher)
- B. Facebook:
  - i. Fat Sunday has not been visible on Facebook
  - ii. Need to get pictures of families, kids and activities out there for visibility

**8. Old Business:**

- A. Railings for sanctuary
  - i. Names to contact for diocese to get permission to move forward
- B. AED Check
  - i. Mary Gruel came and met with Cathy to look at our device and see what needs to be done to be checked
  - ii. Adult pads expire in May, we currently do not have child pads
  - iii. Batteries are available to purchase on Amazon
  - iv. Pads have a website to order from
  - v. Binder has lots of checklists and dates are not concise
  - vi. To check it you simply turn on to check that batteries turn on, and check that pads are not expired
  - vii. Kit also needs to have scissors, shaver and gloves
  - viii. Jen Reese, works in cardiology, will do a monthly check on the device

**C. Meeting dates for 2026**

Feb. 10, April 14, June 9, August 11, October 13, and Dec. 8

**9. Items for Next Agenda**

**NEXT MEETING April 14, 2026**

**Opening /Closing Prayers: Ann Spaude**

- i. Money from basket raffle is to support the parish

**10. Adjourn the meeting**

- A. Dan motioned, Andy second

**11. Closing Prayer**

Lord, Thank You for guiding our meeting today. May our decisions bring positive results and reflect Your wisdom for St. John the Baptist Parish, and for the community around. Bless our Special Intentions and unite us in purpose as we move forward.

**Amen.**

***Minutes submitted by: Carolyn Reuter 2/11/26***