

Blessed Sacrament Parish Council Minutes

April 14, 2026

Jesus is Risen!

Truly, He is Risen!

ATTENDANCE: Father Daniel Schomaker (Pastor), Justin Jehn (Chair), Tom Hudepohl (Vice-Chair) Brendan Connelly, John Garvey, Anne Scheve, Beth Schoettle, (not present: Kiana Kaelin, Renee Oka; Madonna Gieske (Diocesan Deanery Pastoral Council)).

MEETING BEGAN: 7:00 PM with prayer led by Father Schomaker.

MINUTES: Minutes of the March 10, 2026 Meeting were approved by email vote before the meeting and authorized to be distributed.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

1. Father Schomaker revealed various Logos he has been working on in consultation with many people to help the parish and school improve brand identity. Final approval still pends School Board approval. Feedback from Parish Council was supportive and enthusiastic.

2. Father and Pastoral Staff had a meeting to discuss feedback from first part of Master Planning which will result in the following changes:

A. Beginning Sunday, September 13, 2026, at 7:45 a.m. a “simple” Mass, similar to the Daily Mass during the week. It will be of such a duration so as not to interfere with the 9:00 a.m. Mass. This will undergo a trial run and depending upon how it goes and is supported, it may or may not be permanently put in place.

B. We are going to bring back **40 Hours Devotion** on our Feast Day of Corpus Christi, which this year is June 7 – which will begin 7AM June 5 until it concludes 40 hours later. It will include offering confession, Liturgy of the Hours to be prayed during, and end with a Parish Cookout at Lunch – hotdogs and chips – simple in form. A minimum of 2 for each hour but preferably there will be 5 to 6 Adorers per hour.

C. To Commemorate the 250th Celebration of America we would like to see as much of the parish actively involved in the Fort Mitchell Fourth of July Parade – floats, sports teams, Knights of Columbus, etc., to help highlight how impactful the Parish has been to the life of the City of Fort Mitchell and reenforce the theme that Catholics are called to be strongly present in the Public Square, just as Catholics have been since the founding and during the entire life of the United States.

Continuation of a series of proposed areas of focus:

Master Planning / Strategic Planning

As to the Parish Master Planning Timeframe: Goal is to have all plans implemented within and by Easter, 2033 – the Jubilee Year of the Two Thousandth Anniversary of the Passion and Resurrection of Christ

The 6 Areas of Focus for the Master Planning are:

1. Spiritual Life – the primary purpose of Blessed Sacrament
2. Prayer / Social/ Service / Fraternal Groups
3. Formation, Catechesis, Evangelization
4. Unity
5. Finances
6. **Buildings & Property & Maintenance**

At this meeting the discussion led by Father Shomaker as to Item 6.

The discussion then touched on the highlights of a very detailed handout covering the Church Building, School Building, Rectory, Convent (let's get an Order of Blessed Nuns to come in residence!), Office Building, Parish Center Building, Gym Building.

The areas discussed include whole scale upgrades as far as maintenance and repair, and also full scall replacement and rebuilding of new structures including the School, Convent, new Office Building, new Parish Center Building, and new Gymnasium.

These are all things we hope to complete within the next 7 to 10 years; many are needs, some are wants.

For the time being this will not be broad cast to all, but Father Schomaker will be looking to meet with various groups of the parish and then perhaps have an Evening for Parish wide review, comment, feedback, etc.

Father proceeded to lead Parish Council on a tour of the School Building. Based upon any objective measure, it is clear there are areas which require substantial renovation or, in lieu of renovations, a complete tear down and rebuild might be justified. This tour was to help understand how one needs to see the whole of the campus and all of its component parts in order to not only conceive of but also consider and implement a Master Plan for the Parish.

Committee Reports:

Faith Formation provided by Anne Scheve: see attached report.

- Father Dan is also encouraging everyone to read and comment on the sixth piece of the Masterplan.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Knights of Columbus completed the renovations/repairs to bathrooms in the church.

Still need to fill a vacancy on Parish Council. Father will speak with Finance Committee to seek a liaison, volunteer to join this Parish Council.

Easter Vigil was very successful and again the Parish Council, led by Renee Oka, hosted a wonderful reception for the 23 new members of the Church and their families.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Corn Roast will take place on Friday, August 7, 2026 (with rain date of Saturday, August 8, 2026).

ADJOURNMENT: Chair called for any other new business, and seeing none, called for adjournment at 8:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: May 12, 2026, 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center located in Blessed Sacrament School Building.