

## **Blessed Sacrament Parish Council Minutes**

**February 10, 2026**

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

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

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the January 13, 2026 Meeting were approved by voice vote and authorized to be distributed.

### **PASTOR'S REPORT:**

#### **Preliminary Matters:**

**DPAA.** The DPAA Goal for Blessed Sacrament Parish for 2026 is \$112,000. This is less than last year, but not a good thing, as lower amounts assigned to a parish for its goal reflect rising or declining metrics. So, the long-term goal is to actually get the DPAA goal for Blessed Sacrament to go up, as that will reflect a rising or growth posture of Blessed Sacrament Parish as opposed to a decline.

Father Schomaker will lead and speak on this at all the Masses during the Campaign.

The goal is 100 percent participation, whether it be financial, prayer support, etc.

Discussion of Goal or Special Project for Parish to shoot for ensued. Father is contemplating a formal welcome packet for all parishioners, old and new. Perhaps including a Parish Magnet in each packet.

Possible tuck pointing and cleaning of school and church [Father says this is part of the Master Plan, but not ready to implement yet.]

Possible bathroom renovations. [Many of these projects may actually fall under the Master Plan for Physical Plant and may need to be deferred to the proper time to roll out the entire project which might encompass issues such as these.]

The Parish also owes a debt to cover a margin loan to cover payroll; interest was at 11 percent. The loan was moved into the Diocesan Fund, which is at a rate of 5 percent. The amount owed to the Diocese is \$400,000. Possible idea to direct funds to reduce the loan owed to the Diocese.

Question raised as to whether we might need a van to help transport persons unable to transport themselves to Mass; effort will be explored to perhaps survey parish through the DPAA to better understand if this is a need of the parish.

#### **Pictorial Directory.**

Father is considering having an updated Parish Pictorial Directory.

#### **Registering New (and unregistered) families.**

Discussion of perhaps having a platform to do this as well as to include things such as family funeral planning. Currently the parish office maintains in a folder for each

parishioner who wants to inform them of what readings and music one may want at their funeral; who to contact as far as next of kin, family, friends.

### **Regular Matters:**

Father Schomaker has formalized the Wedding Preparation and Protocol Brochure for future weddings.

### **Master Planning / Strategic Planning – Part 2**

**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 Father Dan discussed the second area:

### **Prayer / Social / Service / Fraternal Groups**

#### Prayer Groups:

Focus is on spiritual formation by fostering authentic relationships centered on Jesus within the parish family. Goal is to have groups engaged in spiritual activities, not “program”-centric.

Possible introduction of Parish Zones to facilitate organization of groups.

Plan to create Vocation Specific Groups for women religious, men religious, and marriage discernment.

#### Social Groups:

These groups focus on human formation by building authentic relationships within the parish.

#### Service Groups:

These groups involve apostolic outreach, bringing parishioners together in works of charity and outreach.

#### Fraternal Groups:

These groups focus on fellowship, prayer, and service, centered on Jesus Christ.

These lists are suggestions of things we can do, not the definitive list of things we are going to actually do. This underscores the importance of the entire Parish commenting and letting Father and the Parish know what are the highest priorities and needs of the Parish so we can help Father decide what to actually do in the future.

Miscellaneous:

Father met with School Board to discuss wishes and Master Planning ideas brought to him:

1. Replacing school building with a new building which would include a new double gym.
2. Move to a no or low tuition school, because we become a true tithing parish; see, *e.g.*, Diocese of Wichita, Kansas.
3. School owned buses so we do not have to rely upon Kenton County school buses, so we can start school and stop school on our own desired schedule.
4. Potential revamp of school schedule which permits more breaks for nutrition/decompression breaks, possibly extending the school day via breaks, but not more instructional time.
5. Owned buses would allow for more school field trips.
6. Move toward daily Mass with school children.
7. Update School Cafeteria.
8. Possible outdoor classes.
9. Less screen time and more book time to match the current trend in education.
10. More focus on handwriting.
11. Put a chapel in the School building itself.
12. Set up Main Office in better configuration for security for them and the school.
13. Setting up Parish true tithing to the needs of others.
14. End of year giving; financial planning; low or free tuition.
15. Parish able to support some of the cost of High School tuition.
16. Tuition benefit for children of teachers employed by BSC and School.

***Other areas in general to help the Parish and School:***

17. Continue to modernize finance council procedures; have already moved to quarterly meetings.
18. Completely incorporating school finances into parish finances.
19. Better understanding of our collections, both regular and special collections.
20. Formalize the existing rule that all organizations are supposed to share their finances with the Parish/Pastor.
21. Within 1 year we will have to do a capital campaign to meet the needs of the Parish and the Master Plan.

**Committee Reports:**

Those submitted are attached.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair called for any other new business, and seeing none, called for adjournment at 9:15 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** March 10, 2026, 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center located in Blessed Sacrament School Building.