

Blessed Sacrament Parish Council Minutes

January 13, 2026

ATTENDANCE: Father Daniel Schomaker (Pastor), Justin Jehn (Chair), Renee Oka, Brendan Connelly, John Garvey, Tom Hudepohl (Vice-Chair), Anne Scheve, Beth Schoettle, and Kiana Kaelin; Madonna Gieske (Diocesan Deanery Pastoral Council).

MEETING BEGAN: 7:00 PM with prayer.

MINUTES: Minutes of the November 11, 2026 Meeting were approved by earlier email vote and distributed.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Parish Campus

1. Decision made to hold off on replacing broken HVAC unit in Foyer to Undercroft. Quoted cost seems too expensive for the limited benefit (unless the unit also heats/cools the handicapped bathroom, in which event repair will be revisited). Later investigation confirmed the bathroom is still properly heated and cooled.
2. Father Dan has directed the parish business manager to find \$50,000 in savings (without touching salaries) in parish expenses in 2026.

Deanery Council

4 Questions posed by the Covington Diocese as part of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan (which had the following 3 goals):

Priority One: Ongoing Faith Formation

Priority Two: Evangelization

Priority Three: Leadership Development

1. What impacts have you seen from the DPP?
2. What has worked well?
3. What would you recommend changing to achieve a greater impact?
4. Overall, is the plan accomplishing what it promised to do?

A good discussion was held at the Parish Council level regarding this, but the consensus was there really not enough “real time” information about the Diocesan Program contemporaneous to the parish level activities so as to really understand the connection, if any, between parish level and diocesan level activities.

Master Planning / Strategic Planning

1. In a critical reframing of our thought processes and action, there is now but One Priority for Blessed Sacrament Parish and School and that is the Lord, Jesus Christ. Everything flows from this, and then how we proclaim it, through our actions, words, deeds, etc.

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. Social/Fraternal/Prayer Groups
3. Formation, Catechesis, Evangelization
4. Unity
5. Finances
6. Buildings & Property & Maintenance

At this meeting Father Dan discussed the first area: **Spiritual Life.**

A review of a comprehensive list of new proposed Mass time, Penance Times, adding the Divine Office – Liturgy of the Hours, Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, praying the Holy Rosary. Also, to implement Seasonal Practices in the Parochial Church which effects change in the Domestic Church, including Advent Practices, Christmas Practices, Lenten Practices, Holy Week, Easter, and Ordinary Time practices.

The proposal also includes not also Seasonal Devotions but also Specific and Special Monthly Devotions.

Vision includes a New Parishioner Packet distributed to each new family with all the prayers, rituals, activities, etc., developed through this period.

These are the spiritual aspects, but faith without works does not work, so we start here, and then it grows into great works.

Emphasis that these thoughts are in DRAFT form, and Father Dan will be seeking wider comment from the entire parish and the Master Planning document will be a continuing work in progress until the process of seeking input and discerning is complete.

Committee Reports:

Will resume in written format beginning February meeting and subsequent meetings.

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 8:47 p.m.

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