

Blessed Sacrament Parish Council Minutes

March 10, 2026

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

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

MINUTES: Minutes of the February 10, 2026 Meeting were approved by voice vote and authorized to be distributed.

EASTER VIGIL: April 4, 2026, led by Renee Oka and on behalf of the Parish Council, we will host the celebrations for after the Easter Vigil. Set up with volunteers will begin at 10AM. Volunteers for bar tending and cleanup requested and received.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

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 Su (Father Shomaker called out of town for a funeral) as to Items 3, 4, and 5, but then continued by Father Shomaker who did return from Knoxville, TN in time to attend the meeting).

3. Formation, Catechesis, Evangelization

Formation: process by which one is shaped and developed into a disciple of Jesus.

Recognition there is some overlap between this area and other areas of focus.

There is an animating principle here which is literally to try to be, as best we properly can with our resources and dreams for improvement, all things to all people so that there are enough options or choices available to all the faithful to pursue with the result that at least something appeals to everyone in the parish and spiritual needs are offered and available to all – as the goal is not to just get some of the parish into Heaven, but literally all of it (and beyond).

There follows what seems to be an exhaustive list of opportunities to curate but per Father these are by no means limited. The whole intent of this planning is to engender discussion, input, debate, and action by and through the entire parish community.

Evangelization takes many forms and it can be as simple and beautiful as a tea party for girls where someone talks with them about many of the questions about living a good and holy childhood; or a group of people on a common walk talking about our Faith in a dynamic and fun way.

4. Unity

One way as a parish we can help model or express the Unity of the Faith would be to “brand” or “market” our parish better, through, *e.g.*, the wider use of logos, flags, etc.; public acts of good works and/or prayer, and pairing with local/national/international parishes, wherein all of these things are to help us fully express the Unity of God Himself.

Perhaps having younger parishioners helping older parishioners learn and adapt to changing technologies so all can fully participate in all of the various media to learn and grow in the Faith and engage with fellow parishioners.

5. Finances

Stewardship of Finances is primarily a Spiritual practice wherein one manages with discernment and understanding that everything truly comes from God, wherein one comes to a regular practice of giving – tithing – by giving back to God a portion of what he has given us.

Consider, if we were a truly tithing parish, we would be a “tuition free” parish, for not only elementary school but also high school.

Lots of work to be done by the Finance Committee to bolster things like raising awareness for planned giving, legacy giving, endowing scholarships, building maintenance funds.

Committee Reports:

Faith Formation provided by Anne Scheve:

Our Parish life has been quite busy this past month:

- The Parish hosted a pasta parlor which was a great success. 52 college students from Grove City choir performed the most beautiful concert. We hosted a dinner and housed them for the evening. We also hosted a Lenten retreat for women with 110 participants. All three of those events took place in the last week.
- We are getting close to 30 candidates and catechumens coming into the Church on Easter Vigil. We had the Rite of Election in Blessed Sacrament and then presented our candidates to the Bishop on Feb. 22.
- The School hosted their big fundraiser-Evening to Treasure Feb.28 and it was a big success. The 7th graders just presented Stations of the Cross for school students this past Friday at 1:00pm. The second graders will present the stations of the Cross March 27 during the school day. I also have planned a very large Eucharistic Adoration and Exposition for school students on Wed. of Holy week.
- Every Friday we have stations of the Cross and reconciliation.

- Wednesday adoration is ongoing.
- Wednesday Women's Lenten Bible study on Wednesday mornings in March.
- Father Dan is encouraging everyone to fill out the DMI follow up survey.
- Father Dan is also encouraging everyone to read and comment on the second piece of the Masterplan.

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:

Knights of Columbus have pledged to perform some renovations/repairs to bathrooms in the church.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair called for any other new business, and seeing none, called for adjournment at 9:06 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: April 14, 2026, 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center located in Blessed Sacrament School Building.