

Blessed Sacrament Parish Council Minutes

November 11, 2025

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

MEETING BEGAN: 7:02 PM with prayer.

MINUTES: Minutes of the October 14, 2025 Meeting were approved by earlier email vote and distributed.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Parish Campus

1. Father is 99 percent sure he is going to move forward with acquisition of an adjacent property on Oak Street. As a general rule, since land is finite, and future needs cannot be known, better to plan to have it for possible future use, potential investment opportunity either for the parish itself or for later sale.
2. Other properties (11 Idaho and/or Virginia House) which are owned by the parish but being used for commercial purposes will cease being used for commercial purposes (rents) and will be discontinued as such and folded into the parish property by January 1, 2026.

Master Planning / Strategic Planning

1. Father is talking with all persons interested in the parish and the parish's future, seeking input and comments for the Parish as far as the physical campus, and is open to anything which will serve the Kingdom and the goal of getting all to heaven.
2. Father met with Mary Jo Yarris who offered her time and talent toward Development Issues.
3. Father will put a note in the bulletin reminding folks who have to take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from their IRA, that if they donate it to a charity, such as Blessed Sacrament Parish, there are no taxes owed on the RMD. Something to consider for parishioners on an annual basis. Other efforts will be directed toward informing parishioners of the opportunity regarding planned giving through Estate Planning, Life Insurance Planning, and such.

Two Main Priorities the Parish Set Forth by Parishioner Responses Father Is Focused On:

1. Worship.
2. Unity.

Miscellaneous:

1. Finances. We are still living paycheck to paycheck. Father is looking at expenses for ways to save. This year's goal is to reduce annual expenses by \$50,000 by the end of the year.

2. Servers.

Father is looking into revisiting how we schedule serves with a view toward getting more of the youth involved in this ministry.

Committee Reports:

Parish Council needs to appoint a member to Serve as Finance Committee representative.

Officers were discussed and all presently serving officers agreed to continue serving in the same roles.

Discussion of new meeting schedule:

Proposal: Generally, 2 meetings between January and May, and 2 meetings between September and November.

Next Meeting will be in January 13, 2026.

FINANCE: No report.

RESPECT LIFE: No report.

BOOSTERS: No report.

FAITH FORMATION/EVANGELIZATION REPORT:

Highlights:

November 2 Remembrance Mass for our Parishioners we have lost this past year.

Nov 6 Fr. Gronotte and Ashleigh Stall launched the 8th grade Confirmandi service project - they are preparing a Faith Festival, Feb 11. They are bringing in students preschool- 1st grade from St Augustine

Nov. 11 Veterans Day Prayer Service

Nov 15 Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids Drive

Nov. 16 Rite of Acceptance for OCIA Candidates
(approximately 17 candidates)

Nov. 20 First Reconciliation Retreat for our First Holy communicants

Nov 25 8th Grade Retreat for Confirmandi on campus

Nov. 27 St. Vincent De Paul Thanksgiving Day Can Food Drive

Nov 29 Christmas Giving Tree benefitting Families in Need at Be

Concerned, Care Net and St. Joseph Apartment

Nov. 30 Advent Fair

Challenge Girls Report:

10/18 the 8th graders went to Community Kitchen to clean and restock food. This is a place with food/microwave for anyone in need in the community to use.

11/7 all grades walked together to Highland Cemetery to help clean unattended headstones and spent time praying for the deceased. Since we had just celebrated All Souls Day, this was the perfect opportunity for the girls to put their faith into action by praying for those who are waiting to reach Heaven. This meaningful experience combined service, reflection, and prayer as they learned about the Corporal Works of Mercy and the Divine Mercy.

12/5 is our upcoming fundraiser babysitting event from 6-9p for ages 3-9.

Walking With Purpose Report:

We continue to have a strong attendance in both morning and evening sessions. And we always enjoy our visits from Father Dan!!!

THAT MAN IS YOU REPORT:

Monday Evening and Thursday Morning Sessions still underway. Last Sessions this Semester will be week of December 15. After a break of a few weeks, the Spring Semester will resume shortly after the first of the year. All are welcome to join at any time as all sessions are new materials which are not contingent upon attending earlier sessions, and faith formation and fellowship is instantaneous whenever one decides to participate.

Knights of Columbus – St. Michael the Archangel Council recent activities include:

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- ☐ November 6-7 – First Friday Adoration, 9 p.m. – 6 a.m. in Church
- ☐ November 8 – Church Cleaning, 7:30 a.m. in Church
- ☐ November 12 – Regular Council Meeting, 7 p.m. in Undercroft
- ☐ November 15 & 16 – Coats for Kids Drive before & after all Masses
- ☐ November 22 – Euchre and Game Social, 6:30 p.m. in the Undercroft
- ☐ November 26 – NO COUNCIL MEETING – Happy Thanksgiving
- ☐ November 30 – Knight's 5th Sunday Mass, 9 a.m.
- ☐ December 4-5 – First Friday Adoration, 9 p.m. – 6 a.m. in Church
- ☐ December 10 – Regular Council Meeting, 7 p.m. in Undercroft
- ☐ December 12 – Council Christmas Party, 6:30 p.m. in Undercroft

- ☐ December 13 – Church Cleaning, 7:30 a.m. in Church
- ☐ December 13 – Northern Kentucky Men's Conference, 8:15 a.m. at St. Agnes
- December 21 - Decorate Church – 12 noon, in the Undercroft
- ☐ December 25 – NO COUNCIL MEETING – Merry Christmas!
- January 1-2 - First Friday Adoration, 9 p.m. – 6 a.m. in Church
- January 10 - Church Cleaning, 7:30 a.m. in Church
- January 14 - Regular Council Meeting, 7 p.m. in Undercroft
- January 28 - Regular Council Meeting, 7 p.m. in Undercroft

COATS FOR KIDS

Once again this year, St. Michael the Archangel Council is partnering with St. Vincent de Paul to collect gently-used coats and cash donations to purchase coats. This year's collection will take place before and after Masses November 15 & 16. Also, again this year, we are partnering with Blessed Sacrament School to collect coats the week of November 17-21.

EUCHRE SOCIAL

St. Michael the Archangel Council is hosting Euchre & Game Social on Saturday, November 22nd. Doors open at 6:15, play starts at 7:00 p.m.

TMIY MEN'S CONFERENCE

That Man Is You Leaders of Northern Kentucky is sponsoring a Men's Conference with the theme "Where Have All The Fathers Gone" on Saturday, December 13th at 8:15 at St. Agnes in Ft. Wright. The day will feature talks by Deacon Joe Grote from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and Father Michael Hennigen from the Diocese of Covington. Cost is \$25 for Adults, \$15 for Students.

Sign up here: <https://www.cognitofirms.com/RCActivitiesInc7/NKYMensConference>

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: No report.

Catholic Synod: No report.

VOCATIONS COMMITTEE: Meets one time per month on the first Wednesday before the K of C Meeting.

Several ideas remain under consideration including Bulletin Announcements, dedicated Holy Hours for Vocations, Birthday Celebrations for Priest, Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for Seminarians.

SCHOOL BOARD:

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Still need to fill a vacancy on Parish Council.

Members of the Parish Council are asked to bring up to 2 names for consideration of joining the Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair called for any other new business, and seeing none, called for adjournment at 8:16 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: January 13, 2026, 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center located in Blessed Sacrament School Building.