

Parish Council Meeting – January 27, 2026 – Meeting called to order by Marc Lindeen 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Father Ross Epping, Barb Brown, Morgan Yoder, Judy Hoover Warning, Marc Lindeen, Karla Maher, Doug Slobodnik, Natalie Martin, Irma Perez, Brandon Harrison, John Newton, Adrian Rubey

Absent: None

Opening Prayer: Natalie Martin

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes made by Doug, seconded by John. No discussion. Motion carried.

Pastoral Comments: Father Ross shared his appreciation with everyone for a wonderful Christmas season. A special thank you to Paul and the choir for their performance, as well as all those who helped with Masses.

Committee Reports

- a. **Social Action:** Nothing new to report at this time. There was a special collection taken for the Cradle of Hope Mother's Home which raised \$747.
- b. **Liturgy:** Father Ross and Samuel will schedule server training on a Wednesday evening during Faith Formation.
- c. **Parish Life:** It was decided that next year's Advent wreath making event will be paired with Faith Formation and held on a Wednesday evening to involve more families.
- d. **Faith Formation:** Samuel reported that 95% of students who signed up in the Fall are attending Faith Formation. Confirmation Mass will be held on Saturday, March 14th at the church. Fairfield's confirmation class will join us.
- e. **Building and Grounds:** Capital improvements are underway. Classrooms, offices and the library have been repainted. Installation of new carpeting and flooring in the Manning Hall wing will be taking place in the coming months. The restrooms in the gathering space will be repainted, and the stalls will be replaced.
- f. **Finance:** Item noted was the difference between 2024 and 2025 miscellaneous income. In 2024 the church was still receiving payments from the PPP loan.
- g. **Hispanic Ministries:** Starting in February Spanish Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m., the second Sunday of the month. Irma reported that the Día de Muertos and Lady of Guadalupe celebrations had great attendance and went well. Sister Mara will be visiting our parish and will be helping with Hispanic ministries in the coming months.

Old Business

- a. **Catholic School Information:** Marc reported he has been in contact with SEIBUS. Their main concern is determining if this type of transportation would be deemed a school bus, and what extra credentials would be needed. Brandon has spoken with Burlington Notre Dame Principal, Mrs. Frakes, and she would be happy to provide scholarship information to those interested. Scholarships range in amount and applications for the Fall semester are due this Spring. ESA voucher applications will open in April and are due in June. For the 2026 school year, the voucher is just shy of \$8,000. Mrs. Frakes encouraged families interested to enroll their students to secure a spot, even if you are not entirely decided. The council agreed we would like to gauge the interest of parish families. Brandon agreed to host an information session on Wednesday, February 11, at 5:30 p.m. The goal we envision is for the parish to play a coordination role. All things still to be discussed.

New Business

- a. **Lent / Holy Week / Easter:** Ash Wednesday is February 18, and Masses will be at 12:00 and 5:30 p.m. Lenten Reconciliation service will be Sunday, March 8, at 4:00 p.m. The Chrism Mass, held in Davenport at Sacred Heart Cathedral will be Monday, March 30, at 10:30 a.m. Holy Week will follow the same schedule as last year, and will be posted in the bulletin.
- b. **Triumph of the Heart:** Brandon suggested hosting a parish movie night. The parish life committee agreed to help facilitate this event in the coming months.
- c. **Parish Council:** There are currently two seats that need to be filled. The council agreed we would like to wait until June elections to fill those seats, as well as the seats of those whose term will be expiring.
- d. **Grief Share:** Morgan shared that a new session of GriefShare will be beginning Tuesday, February 24, at 6:00 p.m. in the church library. She expressed appreciation to the church for agreeing to host again this year.
- e. **PC Minutes:** Parish Council minutes are posted online, as well as the gathering space bulletin board.
- f. **Rosary:** Judy received multiple handouts and resources about the Rosary which will be available for those interested in the gathering space. There are English and Spanish.

Next Meeting: February 24, 2026. Opening prayer offered by Judy and closing prayer by John.

Meeting Adjourned by Marc at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted – Morgan Yoder, Secretary