

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chris Varady, President.

OPENING PRAYER: Jesus, our friend and our brother, please guide us with your wisdom and love today. Help us to do your will and to be open to hear your voice as we speak and listen to one another. Amen.

PRESIDENT REPORT- Chris Varady

- Welcome
 - Introduction of Board members and parents in attendance

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT- Joy Stanton

- No report.

SECRETARY REPORT- Ashley Lack

- Approval of Minutes from the March 4, 2026 meeting
 - A motion was made by Joy Stanton and seconded by Chris Varady to approve the Minutes as previously distributed.

TREASURER REPORT- Susan Kasten

- Checking Account Balance: \$60,638.71
- March Income: Basketball Raffle & Golf (Income currently \$36,730)
- March Expenses: Cardinals Calendars

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT- Tenisha Phelps & Marli Nixon

- Facebook PR reels made and will continue to post each week. Great engagement online. Lots of fun to make. Thank you teachers and students for participating and making it so easy!
 - Encourage everyone to not only like, but share, our posts to reach more people

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES REPORT- Kylie Gregory

- Completed Activities
 - **Family Bowling Event**
 - Chair: Sue Stirnaman
 - Date: Sunday, March 15, 2026
 - It was a great event and the kids had a lot of fun.
 - Next year, Sue Stirnaman will be donating funds for drinks and snacks for those kids in attendance- Thank you Sue!
 - **Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build**

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- Chair: Susan Kasten
- Saturday, March 28, 2026 9am - 12pm
- It was a great event and 8 beds were made.
- November 14, 2026 will be the next bed build date.

- Upcoming Activities
 - **Alton City-Wide Litter Clean Up**
 - Chair: Ashley Lack
 - Date: Saturday, April 11, 2026
 - Time: 9:00a-12:00p
 - This is a student-only service hour event
 - All students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian
 - You are free to volunteer as long as you are able; you don't have to commit to the entire 3 hours
 - Sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/BJZgPxo>

 - **Basketball Raffle**
 - Chair: Matt Bechtold
 - Made \$1675 and gave \$1675 in cash prizes. Championship game is April 6th.

 - **Father Daughter Event**
 - Chair: Megan Baiter
 - Date: April 18, 2026
 - Time: 6:30-8:00 pm
 - Register:
https://signup.com/mobileweb/2.0/vspot.html?activitykey=982954042055#choose_jobs_page
 - Volunteer:
<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2346774023/false#/invitation>
 - There will be snacks, a photo booth, crafts, hair tinsel, etc.

 - **Scholastic Book Fair**
 - Chair: Joy Stanton
 - Dates: April 30-May 4, 2026
 - delivery window is 4/23, 4/24, 4/27-4/29; pick up window is 5/5-5/8 5/11
 - Online sales available 4/30 - 5/13 (we earn 25% in scholastic dollars from online sales)
 - Volunteer sign up will go out this week
 - Family night, teacher coupons, teacher wishlist, etc all coming soon!
 - Proposed Thursday, April 30th as the Family Preview Night from 3:00-6:30 p.m. with options for families to pre-order dinner to enjoy during Family Night

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- Teacher Preview Wednesday, April 29th
- **Golf Tournament**
 - Chair: Katie Krueger
 - Date: Saturday, May 2, 2026
 - Location: Rolling Hills Golf Course
 - 2 tee times: 8:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
 - Catering: Fema's
 - Total teams registered to date: 28; goal is 30 teams for 1st flight and 30 teams for 2nd flight
 - Profit goal: \$40,000
 - Sponsorships to date: \$16,100 (cash in hand)
 - Volunteer link coming soon

DEACON JAY'S REPORT- Jay Wackerly

Investigating the possibility of filling in part of the ravine to expand the upper parking lot. The contractor excavating the new roundabouts is looking for a place to put a significant amount of dirt. This part of the project is scheduled to start after school is out. -

Capital Campaign survey results mail merge sent. Moving forward with the next phase of the campaign.

Tasks/Status update from IT meeting

1. Router installation issues are being resolved. UDM Pro Max Gateway/Router/Firewall – For the grant two additional quotes are needed for the equipment. We have not been able to obtain the quotes. A letter is in work to have this requirement waved.
2. Remaining network connection issues. 34 of 40 cameras are online. Estimated completion 27 March 2026. Church audio assistance is not working.
3. Signed agreement with Clearwave to be our Internet service provider. Fiber routing to begin after school lets out.
4. Remote login (ticket - 899) – This will be completed along with the UDM Pro Max install. Need to Estimated Completion: 27 March 24, 2026.
5. Working with Koch Air to update the gym heating and cooling software with the IP network changes. Cost seems out of bounds for just an IP change.

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6. Michell needs to re-run the PCI (Payment Card Industry) compliance test to verify it is fixed. Estimated Completion: 27 March 24, 2026.
7. Gym audio/video system documentation in work. Need to update the instructions on the front of the control box. Estimated completion 3/31/26
8. Scan to folder issue on the Parish Office PCs has been resolved.
9. Soldering station was received but needs to be set up. Estimated Completion: 3/31/26
10. Phone in work room is in service. Put an 5 port Unifi switch in the workroom.
11. There are no Chromebooks in the repair cycle.
12. Clever Single Sign On issue is resolved.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT- Bob Baird

- **CALENDAR**

4-1-26	SAPA Meeting, 6:00
4-2-26	EASTER BREAK HOLY THURSDAY, NO SCHOOL
4-3-26	EASTER BREAK GOOD FRIDAY, NO SCHOOL
4-5-26	EASTER SUNDAY
4-6-26	EASTER BREAK, NO SCHOOL
4-7-26	EASTER BREAK, NO SCHOOL
4-8-26	School Advisory Council, 6:00
4-11-26	Alton City Wide Cleanup

- **ACRE Test Group Summaries Posted**

Each year in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois students in the 5th and 8th grades complete the ACRE test (Assessment of Catholic Religious Education). This year our students performed very well in comparison to Catholic schools across the nation. Group summary results are posted to the school website.

- **3rd Quarter High Honor Roll & Honor Roll Posted**

The list of 3rd Quarter High Honor Roll and Honor Roll students has been posted to the school website.

- **MAP Testing Coming Soon**

Our Spring MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) testing is scheduled for the week of April 20-24. The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois requires all schools to complete testing in the Spring. Most schools also elect to administer optional testing in the Fall. The testing covers four subject areas; Language Usage, Mathematics, Science, and Reading. Individual student scores will be shared with parents as soon as possible.

- **Thank You to Marquette Catholic High School Seniors!**

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Each year Marquette Catholic HS Seniors complete their mission week at local Catholic churches and schools. This year, we were pleased to welcome back 11 MCHS Seniors who are graduates of St. Ambrose Catholic School. Thank you to the Seniors for spending their mission week at St. Ambrose helping us complete a variety of tasks and for interacting with our students.

- **School Advisory Council Positions Open**

Are you looking for a way to contribute to the mission of our school? If so, please consider joining our School Advisory Council. The Council meets monthly and advises the Pastor and Principal on matters of importance. The Council also has subcommittees that support different aspects of the school, including Policy/Planning, Development, Public Relations, Building and Grounds, and Athletics. To submit your name for consideration please contact the School Advisory Council using the contact posted on our school website. You may also contact the chairperson, Erin Kochan, Fr. Steve, or Mr. Baird.

- **8th Grade Completes Living Stations of the Cross**

On Tuesday March 24, our 8th grade class presented the Living Stations of the Cross to the school. The students performed reverently and respectfully and the readers helped make the reflection and prayer clear and easily understood. This was a tremendous opportunity for prayer and reflection on our faith and the sacrifices of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- **2026-2027 Registration Information**

A current update on registration will be provided at the meeting.

- **Part Time Custodian Needed**

St. Ambrose is in need of another part time custodian to work afternoon/evening hours. If you or someone you know is interested, please have them contact Mr. Baird at rbaird@stambrosegodfrey.org

- Current enrollment for 2026-2027 is 175 students; 11 students in limbo. In total we're anticipating around 190 students. Currently the upcoming Kindergarten has 17 registered. Upcoming PK4 has 12 students registered. Upcoming PK3 has 9 students registered. Upcoming 2nd grade has 20 registered and 1 in limbo. Upcoming 4th grade has 29 registered.

NEW BUSINESS

- Confirm dates for 2027 Cash Bash Drawing/ticket sales dates
 - New proposed selling dates: October 1st-December 3th
 - New proposed drawing date: December 5, 2026
- Confirm date (once approved by Father Steve) for 2026-2027 Trivia Night
 - New proposed date: February 6, 2027

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION- Open Forum

- A discussion was held regarding having St. Ambrose involved in more community events, such as a table at the farmers market, to help with marketing our school, especially to upcoming pre-k and kindergarten students.

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CLOSING PRAYER: We give you thanks, Lord, for helping us to learn more and how to love one another. Please help us to always be instruments of your perfect peace in our school. Amen.

With no further questions/discussions, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m. by Chris Varady, President.

Next meeting: May 6, 2026

Respectfully submitted by Ashley Lack, Secretary

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