Saint Gabriel
CATHOLIC PARISH

Stewardship Committee Minutes

October 19, 2026

- Attendance: Dawn Jorgensen – Chair
  Beth Kangas – PC Liaison
  Janet Reichert -Secretary
  Mary Gilmeister –Dir. of Development
  Nicki Packee - Excused
- Prayer – Dawn
- "Campus Open House & Ministry Fair
  Who in Church Ministries is Participating and how many tables do they need? Mary G. will send out another survey to the ministries. We know Food Pantry wants a table, St. Vincent wants a table, Stewardship will be the information/welcome table, Christian Formation may need 3 tables.
  Could we have Food pantry table collect food items or money at their table?
  Whoever the free will donations go to, can we ask them to have a table at the event?
  If Fr. Dom does not make the sauce we may be able to get the recipe and we could make it ourselves and freeze.
  Need to contact Christian Women to see if they would make desserts or we could advertise for parishioners to donate baked good for the event. Mary G. will talk with Mary Rose Wolf to see if Christian Women are at all interested.
  Are we doing beer/wine for dinner?
  We should anticipate 500 people for attendance.
  Postcard – Sunset version will be mailed out invite.

Need to confirm that church tours will be able to be done. Mary G. will talk with Mary Rose Wolf.

Does the Parish Auction Group wish to have a table to promote their event.

Stamp and go passes will be used instead of puzzle pieces.

Plan for name tags for commission members.

Think about and discuss at next meeting what we could use as incentives to make sure participants complete each of the booths.

- PC Liasion Report – Beth

  Met October 13th. Washington/Dodge County Parish Gathering will be occurring soon (Deanery).

  New software update- St Gabriel is piloting and we were able to obtain a $10,000 grant.

  Prayer and Worship group discussed our Jacob's Ladder and need for 10:30 mass ushers.

- New Member Journey

  Sharepoint spreadsheet is no longer being used as it was found to be lacking the effectiveness we were looking for.

  A procedure was set up for new members by Mary G. and Mary Rose Wolf so that there is consistent follow through with new parish members. Mary G. gets the form, calls the new member and she sends a notecard to them. The talents they wish to share is given to appropriate ministry by Mary G. Follow up is done in 1 week.

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Table arrangement in gathering space is looking much improved. Sign in book for guests is being assessed by Mary G. on weekly basis.

After hours drop box in credenza is still in process of getting a lock.

- New Member Packet is complete.
  Registration for new parish members is always the 3rd weekend of the month.
- New Member Blessing
  This was completed the weekend of October 17th and 18th.
  We need to get an April 2027 date on the books.
- Volunteer Appreciation Mass
  This blessing is scheduled for January 30 and 31

- Open floor:
  Committee needs to think of more ways than just volunteer blessing every 6 months to show our appreciation for volunteer work.
  Committee shared that we are interested in helping out with other ongoing projects or new projects once our Campus Open House Ministry Fair Event is completed. We will evaluate the success of Event to see if this will be an annual event.
- Next meeting November 16, 2026 (with Marketing)
- Prayer

Submitted by: Janet Reichert