



Saint Gabriel

CATHOLIC PARISH

Agenda Stewardship Committee February 24, 2026 – 6:30 pm

- Attendance
 - Mary Gilmeister
 - Beth Kangas
 - Janet Reichert
 - Cathy Rusk
 - Jeanna Swiatkowski
- Opening Prayer
- Approval and submission of minutes for January completed via email previously
- PC Liaison Report
 - Met February 10th
 - i. Secretary position filled with volunteers still on Monday
 - ii. Mass attendance steady and growing
 - iii. Fr. Tim has submitted to stay at St. Gabriels until his retirement
 - iv. Fish fry was successful 6 new families toured and attendance is full in several grades
 - v. Next year will look at something besides a fish fry in January
 - vi. Disaster relief still some funds left looking to reallocate
 - vii. Commission updates
 - 1. All Commission meeting May 31st between masses
 - 2. Make it more welcoming for people who are coming for the first time
 - a. Maybe look at having a welcome table for new parishioners to feel more welcomed
- New Member Journey -
 - How to track communications with new members
 - i. Cathy to look to see if GiveButter, PDS (Parish Database System), Excel spreadsheet?



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1. Two elements to the process – how does the Stewardship committee get the new member information? How do we track the contact?
 - a. Copy of the sheet is a bit laborious
 - b. Mary to talk at the Staff Meeting about a solution
- Drop box for office during non-office hours in order to return new registration forms when the office is closed?
 - i. New members are uncomfortable dropping the envelope in a collection basket and need another avenue for them to do so.
 1. Could we have a locked wall-mounted drop box to accommodate? Staff does not want another box to maintain.
 2. Do we utilize the mailboxes as a solution? Mary will investigate if this is a solution.
- New Member Packet – status of donation form in new member packets
 - Mary discussed with Niki Packee and this has been resolved
- Ministry Guide – Discuss status and direction
 - Mary has been doing some research and it seems to be a print out of information that is already on our website
 - If there are parishioners or visitors that aren't on the internet this would be another way to communicate this for those who would need this type of getting the information
- New Member Events – new member blessing upcoming in April
- Ministry Fair
 - Goals of hosting a Ministry Fair
 - i. to showcase all that is going on in the parish that supports our mission to Proclaim Christ, Form Disciples, and Live a holy life
 - ii. to increase awareness of the various ministries/activities that are going on in the parish (might be the same as above)
 - iii. to increase volunteers for the various ministries/activities
 - There are a lot of great ideas for a Ministry Fair – the guide could be a cumulative output
 - i. Scavenger hunt?
 - ii. Dinner hunt?



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- Next meeting on March 23rd we will need to decide on the theme Parish liaison can take it to the Parish Council meeting to disseminate the information to their respective commissions
 - i. Each commission could break out into smaller ministries within the commission in order to give the ministries more exposure and raise awareness to gain more volunteers
- Date options
 - i. August 22-23rd weekend and need to make sure we are having it after all masses, especially after 4:30 so they will be included
 - ii. September 19th-20th as an additional option
- Mary will look at dates on parish schedule
- Volunteer Appreciation at School and Church – need to meet with Father about blessing, need to determine groups for blessing.
 - Cathy to give Mary dates to run by Fr. Tim to talk about next blessing dates and determine groups for blessing
 - i. Groups to be called by commission each month that follows with a bulletin callout and social media campaign in the specific month
 - ii. Need to come up with a calendar of which commission is to be highlighted each month
- Open Floor
 - Could the mass attendance numbers be published in the bulletin?
 - Fall All Commission meeting September 27th
 - Topic for further discussion will be the Guest sign in book. First thing for us to inquire is where did the guest book come from and what was the intent of it?
- Closing Prayer