

Holy Family Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Date: February 17, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Amy Merschman.

Fr. Beckman led the opening prayer.

Roll Call

Present: Fr. Beckman, Katie England, Floyd Krogmeier, Amy Merschman, MaryJo Mertens, Thomas Older, Lorenzo Sanchez

Excused: Tom Gregg, Karen Robbins

Absent: Diane Powers, Megan Rempe

A motion to approve the agenda was made by MaryJo Mertens and seconded by Lorenzo Sanchez. The motion carried.

HTC Report

HTC representative Chad Ward was unable to attend the meeting but submitted a written report via email to all council members.

There were no additions or corrections to the January 2026 meeting minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by MaryJo Mertens and seconded by Katie England. The motion carried.

Amy introduced guest Dave Moehn. Dave graciously offered to present a historical program on the Alleman Bell and its history — from its origins on the steamboat Osprey, to Fr. Alleman's acquisition of it, and the hundred years in between. A date is being scheduled, and the parish will be notified once it is finalized.

Pastoral Comments

Fr. Beckman reminded council members that we are entering the Lenten season and encouraged everyone to note the Communal Penance schedule included in last weekend's bulletin.

He also informed the council that he will attend the Deanery meeting on Thursday, February 19, in Burlington. Planned discussions include St. Mary Church's structural engineer's report, insurance information, and next steps regarding helping to move this process forward.

It was decided to skip this month's chapter review of *Becoming the Good News*. Chapter 3 (pages 28–41) will be discussed at the March meeting. Members are asked to come prepared with ideas and notes.

Commission Reports

The following commissions submitted written reports that were forwarded to council members prior to the council meeting:

Youth Ministry

Liturgy

Faith Formation

Ministry of Care

Finance

Social Action

MaryJo is planning a meeting with the couples who coordinate the End-of-Month Meals.

Building & Grounds

Floyd is preparing for spring and summer projects and will be reaching out for volunteers to assist with mowing, weeding, and general upkeep at both churches. Volunteers are appreciated to help keep the grounds tidy and beautiful.

Stewardship

Lorenzo Sanchez submitted a report at the meeting. Donut Sunday on February 1 was well attended. Thank you to all who participated in fellowship.

Old Business

The council learned that a successor has been identified for John Heyland, who sadly passed away in December and had been spearheading the project concerning the old St. Mary's Convent. This individual will contact the Parish Office this month, and we await further plans on how the project will proceed.

New Business

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on March 24, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Council members expressed preference for the new 5:00 p.m. meeting time, and it will continue going forward.

Fr. Beckman closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Merschman
Vice President/Secretary