

St. Joseph's Parish Council

Minutes for Meeting on May 20, 2026

6:00pm (Conference Room)

1. Call to Order by President Karen McWilliams
2. Roll Call – Fr. Snyder, Deacon Mark, Sr. Janet, Tricia Thayer, Jude Stork,  
Karen McWilliams, Dan Vrba, Jesse Pennock, Bill Mueller, Charlene Kopp, Mike Lucas, Pat  
Rheingans, Matt McGuire (lay director), Sharon Fuglsang (lay director)
3. Recite St. Joseph Vision Statement: To provide a Catholic environment for our Parish, to embrace  
God's word, and to answer the call to holiness, leading to eternal salvation.
4. Opening Prayer –Fr Snyder
5. Approval of previous meeting minutes. – Motion to approve by Mike Lucas, second by Sister Janet –  
Unanimous approval
6. Finance and Administration/Maintenance- Dan Vrba, Mike Lucas – no report
  - Finance Council President-
  - Maintenance Advisory Team Coordinator-Don Fuglsang
7. Faith Formation/Board of Education- Trisha Thayer, Karen McWilliams
  - Director of Faith Formation-Jasmin Tone submitted report
  - St Joseph's School Principal-Sharon Roling submitted report
8. Liturgy-Fr. Snyder, Sr. Janet and Deacon Mark Comer
  - May 23 is Anointing of the Sick at 4:30 Mass at St. Joseph's Church
  - May 24 is the Profession of Faith
  - Summer meeting locations will be announced later since there will be limited access to the school building due to renovation project.
9. Church Life-Charlene Kopp,
  - Altar and Rosary-Verna Turnis
  - St Joseph's Church Secretary-Becky Townsend
  - Knights of Columbus-Mike Lucas reported the K.C.s have distributed baby bottles for the fundraiser
10. Family Life -Pat Rheingans, Jude Stork – no report
  - Marriage Encounter- Scott Tarchinski
  - Baptismal Preparation-Lola Blaser
  - Funeral Liaison- Sr. Janet
  - Cemetery Board-Jim Hand

11. Social Action-Karen McWilliams, Jesse Pennock – no report

- Christian Social Action-Sharon Fulgsang, Lisa Reyna
- Faith Community Health - Karen McWilliams

12. Continuing Business

- Changing of red glass in exterior Church doors for safety
- New Member Welcome – Jude Stork reported on the need for an updated parish member list. Jude was give permission to create a QR code for the church bulletin for parishioners to submit their updated information.
- Emergency Action Plan Review – Darrel Schnurr reported on suggested changes to the current EAP. The Council gave approval for the changes pending approval by the Finance Council for necessary purchases. The school principal will be approached about the use of school building after hours and use of keys for access. Also, use of bollards and cones for traffic direction and control was discussed.
- Strategic Planning – The parish is initiating a strategic plan to be led by Greg Barnes and Matt McGuire.

They will be accompanied by a committee of Jude Stork, Ashley Reed and Sherry Marvin who will identify and meet with parishioners in listening sessions. This five year plan will focus on Mission with short and long term goals. June 25 Dan Ebener, from the Davenport Diocese, will train the leaders on how to lead and facilitate listening sessions. This should be completed by the end of July.

13. New Business

- New Parish Council Members 2026/2027
- Proceeds from the Parish Festival will be distributed to the following:
  - o Serve Haiti – our sister parish
  - o Referral Center food pantry
  - o Summer Lunch Box
  - o Youth group – with matching funds
- New business – Sunday, August 2 Father Snyder will be installed at the 8:00 Mass at Grand Mound
  - At 10:00 Mass Father will be installed at Saint Joseph Church by the Bishop. A brunch will follow after the Mass in Harness Hall.

14. Next Meeting: Wed., July 17th at 6:00 PM (location to be determined)

15. Closing Prayer: The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 with closing prayer by Sister Janet.

# School Report to Parish Council

## June 2026

### **Catholic Identity**

Board of Education members voted to approve the school's new mission and vision statements, which were developed using the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools (NSBECS) as a guiding framework. These statements reflect our parish school's commitment to Catholic Identity, academic excellence, and the formation of the whole child. The statements are as follows:

#### **Mission Statement**

*Centered in Jesus Christ and rooted in the mission of the Catholic Church,  
St. Joseph Catholic School is committed to the formation of the whole child  
through academic excellence, Gospel values, and service to others.*

#### **Vision Statement**

*Rooted in Jesus and nourished by the Eucharist,  
St. Joseph Catholic School is a place where every child is known, loved, and  
encouraged to become the person God created them to be.  
Together with our families and parish,  
we help students grow in mind, body, and spirit, learn with excellence,  
serve others, and follow Jesus by sharing faith, hope, and love with the world.*

### **Education Savings Account (ESA)**

Beth Gravert and I have been actively reaching out to families regarding ESA applications. The enrollment period for the start of the 2026-2027 school year closes on June 30, 2026. If you know of a family who is considering St. Joseph Catholic School, please encourage them to complete the ESA application. The process takes less than ten minutes and can secure funding for their child's Catholic education. I would be happy to meet with any prospective family, answer questions, and provide a school tour.

There are still openings in all grades, including preschool. Please help me spread the word and invite others to experience all that St. Joseph Catholic School has to offer.

### **School Budget**

Board of Education members approved the school budget for the 2026-2027 school year, which projects a net income of \$48,169. The budget reflects the Board's commitment to responsible stewardship of resources while continuing to support the school's mission. Notably, the budget does not include any distribution from the Education Foundation, allowing those funds to remain available for future needs and opportunities. The budget will be presented to the Finance Council for consideration and approval at its June 16 meeting.

### **Summer Building Work**

With the help of 26 dedicated volunteers, the June 30 demolition day was a tremendous success! Their hard work and generosity of time made it possible to accomplish significant progress in preparing our school spaces for the renovations that are now underway. I am deeply grateful for the many hands that came together to support this important project. There will be additional volunteering opportunities this summer.

## June Faith Formation Report

- Totus Tuus
  - July 12-17
  - Registration available now!
  - Volunteer and food donation sign-ups are available now.
  - Currently have 37 registered for the day program and 3 registered for the evening program as of 6/12.
- Catechists
  - As of right now, we will need at least 3 new Catechists for next year. This number may increase as I hear back from this year's group.
- Religious Ed
  - Schedule for '26-'27 school year and registration will be available at the end of July.
  - Registration weekend will be in middle to late August.