

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Council Notes**  
**Date:** Thursday, February 5, 2026 | **Location:** Sacred Heart

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Notes

Attendance: Tim Vaughn, Erin Fontaine, Arline Argentati, Dan Schindler, Betsy Waldeck, Frank Vitale, Jim Stemann, Donna Weber, Bill Dirr

Staff: Kathy Middendorf, Heather Wagner, Fr. Dave, Deacon Mike

Absent: Joyce Thomas, Jose Martinez, Melody Wallace, Jennifer Klein

Reports

- Sacred Heart School Report
  - Admission is open. 42 Kindergarteners have applied. 27 students in grades 1-7. Screening begins soon.
  - Book Fair will be 2/22-2/27.
  - Wrapping up winter testing window.
    - Math: students are achieving 55% of progress toward annual growth – on track
      - Fall testing: 52% on or above grade level
      - Now: 74% on or above grade level
    - Reading: students are 88%. Median percent growth 85%
      - Fall: 31% on or above grade level
      - Now: 54% on or above grade level
- St. Ann School Report
  - It was requested that St. Ann send a school report via email for future minutes.
- Old Business
  - Elections
    - F. Vitale and M. Wolf are stepping down, which will leave us at 8 people.
    - Please contact D. Schindler with your years of service (1, 2, or 3) you wish to continue so the rotation of members can begin as outlined in the Parish Council Constitution.
    - There will be an announcement in the bulletin in March. Questions should be directed to D. Schindler.
- New Business
  - Ideas for increasing engagement and sense of community among both locations
    - Combined school Mass w/ a service project
      - H. Wagner and J. Klein are on board. E. Fontaine is willing to help however needed.
    - Donuts after 9am Mass in the spring/summer at St. Ann in the parking lot
      - There could be a stained glass window tour of the church afterwards. Information about the meaning of each window used to be included on the parish website, but many parishioners may not know the meaning behind each window.
        - St. Ann students used to do a project on the stained glass windows as there is a lot of symbolism included.
        - E. Fontaine will lead this effort.
    - Night at the Races
    - Concerts or Speakers
    - Movie night w/ chili in March
      - D. Schindler and J. Stemann will lead effort.
    - Community Reds night

Director of Administration Update

- There is a request from the Catholic Women’s Association (CWA) Cameroon to have a collection from them. K. Middendorf will inquire with the group for more information about where the money is going and if they have AOC support.
- K. Middendorf reviewed the audit report. There were 8 findings that will need addressed. K. Middendorf will work to address the findings in the next six months.
- EdChoice funds are continuing to come in.
- Net from festivals – SH ~\$150k, SA ~\$76k.
- St. Ann will not have a festival in 2026, but there will be another fund drive. However, a school parent has stepped forward to chair the festival in 2027. He is working to put a committee together.
- K. Middendorf shared the budget and ask for PC to review so a vote can be held at the March meeting.
- **Motion:** To approve Sacred Heart tuition for \$6350 + \$100 tech fee. ██████ made motion. ██████ seconded. **Motion passed.**

Director of Facilities Update

- There were 4 bids received for the storage building construction at St. Ann. He received the feedback from the architect. Bengé Construction is the front runner. On Monday, B. Dirr and K. Middendorf are meeting with the owner of Bengé Construction for a face-to-face meeting. References have been received by Bengé Construction and B. Dirr contacted all; There were no negative reviews. With Spring approaching, it is important to make a decision soon as companies get booked up.

Pastor Updates

- Fr. Dave is attending a meeting on Monday where there is a potential of the parish family receiving an associate pastor. K. Middendorf has built in a salary and benefits into the budget.
- There are 9 new priests and 7 who need to be re-assigned or moved so there is a possibility we could get an associate.
- In March, the Building and Grounds Committee will convene and tour both parish locations.

**2026 Meeting Schedule - ALL MEETINGS ARE ON FIRST THURSDAYS AT 7:00PM**

**Next Meeting: March 5 at St. Ann**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
April 9	Sacred Heart	September 3	St. Ann
May 7	St. Ann	October 1	Sacred Heart
June 4	Sacred Heart	November 5	St. Ann
July/August	Summer Break	December 3	Sacred Heart