

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

**Members present:** Father Barnes, Alex Volk, Jeff Jones, Luke Theisen, Celia Ramos, Renee Berens, Jeff Scherber, Brian Lutes, Jenine Graham, and Judy Voigt.

**Members absent:** Margaret Keller, Tim Davis and Ben Roberg.

**Trustees present:** Jan Zaruba and Donny Lill

**Opening prayer:** Led by Father Barnes.

**December minutes:** Approved unanimously.

**Father's time:** Father spoke briefly about the St. Henry Fall Festival. Donny is willing to continue in a leadership role. Father mentioned the need to get parishioners to step up in leadership and volunteer positions with the festival. Donny mentioned getting a few groups of people to focus on certain activities with the festival. Members of the council discussed ways to reach this goal.

Father mentioned getting an illustration of the Relic of St. Henry to a representative from the Archdiocese after receiving an initial response indicating the relic looks good. Final approval needs to be received from the Archdiocese.

Father explained the Archdiocesan Synod focus for the next three to five years is on the family including Faith Formation and marriage preparation. The goal is to change the culture to involve families in coming to Mass as opposed to dropping off their children at Faith Formation.

**Praying the Mass – The Prayers of the Priest:** The council discussed chapters two and three of the book we are reading. The council is going to read and discuss chapters four and five for the April meeting as we are not meeting in March.

**Liaison updates and additional comments:** None this month.

**Closing prayer:** Led by Celia. Meeting adjourned at 8:25.