

Minutes of St. Edward's CCW

January 5, 2026

President Kay Rieke called the January 5, 2026 meeting of St. Edward's CCW to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Center. Eleven members were present.

Minutes of the November 3, 2025 meeting were read and corrected. Sandy Kling moved that the corrected minutes be approved. Coleen Larson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A report was given by treasurer Chris Wilber, which included bills and proceeds for two funerals held over the past two months. Dues have been paid to the East Central Vicariate and gifts to Father Kieffer, Deacon Steve, and our parish secretary were presented to each of them. Mug sales for the 100th Anniversary continue. Linda Hammerbacher moved to accept the treasurer's report and Diane Heiman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Kay then presented a bill for the Christmas party. Diane moved that that bill be paid, with a second from Linda. The motion carried.

Under communications, Kay reported that thank you notes have been received from the Republic County Ministerial Association and St. George CCW. Sympathy cards and get well cards continue to be sent to parishioners by one of our members.

Several announcements were then made. The December Soup Social and Gift Exchange was a success. Fourteen ladies were able to attend. Thanks to Melissa Martin, Kathy Brzon, and Katie Brzon for organizing the event. The deep clean of the Sacred Heart Center kitchen was completed on a December Saturday morning. The five doing the cleaning were Kay, Chris, Deb Krotz, Carol Levendofsky, and Coleen. Goody bags were filled for the Christmas Faith Formation party by Judy Baxa, Carol, and Chris. Also, the SEEK Conference just occurred for 26,000 young adults.

Further announcements centered on upcoming events. The National March for Life will be held in Washington D.C. from January 21-25. January 28th is scheduled for the Ignite March for Life Rally in Topeka with a 9 a.m. Mass and a 10:30 a.m. rally. Several upcoming retreats were also mentioned.

In old business, Chris has started a bible study group on Psalms which meets at 9 a.m. on Wednesdays. One-hundredth anniversary mugs need to continue to be sold. The membership was asked if they had any ideas to increase sales. Crocheted crosses were mentioned as a possibility to include with the mugs. CCW purchased several new

items for the kitchen and entertainment within the last month. Items include two two-and-one-half gallon glass drink dispensers, a carafe, liquid and regular measuring cups, and a whisk.

Karen Splichal reported on the SDCCW meeting held on November 13 and our donation to Unbound. Discussion then turned to the monthly notes to Joseph Schones. We now will have four seminarians with whom to send cards and otherwise communicate. A list was created of whom will send cards when.

New business started with a discussion of the 2026 dues. Judy Baxa will place envelopes in the pews to pay the \$10 dues. Any member also can pay Chris directly. A reminder to pay dues will be placed in the Bulletin for two weeks. Kay then asked for a list of our parish's homebound. Deb volunteered to ask Micayla for that list.

Also under new business, Karen stated that the Women's Day of Reflection will take place in Hays on Sunday, January 18 from 1 - 4 p.m. at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

The last discussion of new business centered on a CCW February parish event. Holding a Valentine's Party was the eventual consensus of the group. Possible dates to be checked with Micayla are Sunday, February 8 or Sunday, February 15. We will start the evening at 5 p.m. with a lasagna dinner, kids games/crafts, and an adult pitch tournament. Several individuals at the meeting volunteered to bring certain foods. We will need other volunteers for the games, etc. Kay will ask if CYO can assist us that evening.

Kay mentioned Lent and events upcoming in the parish. The next CCW business meeting will be March 2 at 7 p.m. After prayer intentions and the closing prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Members present: Janie Callaway, Linda Hammerbacher, Marcia Hansen, Diane Heiman, Sandy Kling, Deb Krotz, Coleen Larson, Kay Rieke, Karen Splichal, Joyce Waddington, and Chris Wilber