

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2026

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Sacred Heart Center

1. Attendees:

- **Members Present**

- **St. Edward:** Melissa Martin (Chair), Bill Mahin (Vice-Chair), Stephanie Stindt (Secretary), Kay Rieke, Monica Thayer, Deb Krotz, Kelvin Blecha
- **St. George:** Ronda Blecha, Paul Chopp, Elaine Coonrod
- **St. Isidore:** Jane Baxa, Wayne Pacht, Karl Baxa

- **St. Edward's Staff:** Micayla Walden, **Committee Representatives:** Edward Larson (Building Committee), Mike Baxa

2. **Opening Prayer:** At 5:40 PM, Father Gnanasekar opened the meeting with a prayer and offered a brief introduction. Both new and departing members of the Council introduced themselves, followed by a meal.

3. **Approval of Minutes:** Kay Rieke moved that the June minutes be approved as read and Bob Morris seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

4. **Pastor's Report:** Father Gnanasekar plans to meet with the Eucharistic Ministers and lectors from all parishes to provide unified instruction for these ministries. He will share the dates with Micayla for communication. He also expressed gratitude for the parish's care and support of the Totus Tuus and Prayer and Action teams.

5. **Election of Officers:** Melissa thanked Bob Morris and Morris Wilber for their service and welcomed new members. Melissa, Stephanie, and Bill agreed to continue as officers, and the Council approved a motion by Monica and seconded by Kelvin, to retain all officers in their current roles. Bob suggested that adding a member to the Finance Committee would strengthen review of income, expenses, investments, and annual budgeting. Additional candidates for the Finance Committee will be identified. Amber Nutsch will continue assisting with tax filings. Father suggested each Council member participate in a subcommittee. Deb Krotz volunteered to join the Liturgical Committee with Jared.

6. Old Business

- **Mary Statue Repairs and benches:** No change on the previous updates for the repair of benches.

7. New Business:

- **Parish Council By-laws and Policy Amendments** - Parish Council members will review the By-Laws and vote on them during the August meeting.
- **Annual Report Review** - Micayla presented the Annual Report and answered questions from all three Parish Councils. The report needs to be sent to the diocese by August 1. Parish Council members are asked to review the Annual report, sign it, so it can be sent it to the Diocese

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- Bank Account Authorization - Kay moved and Bill seconded adding Father Gnanasekar to all St. George, St. Edward, and St. Isidore bank accounts, remove Father Kieffer, and retain Deacon Steve as an authorized signer. The Council unanimously approved.

8. Committees

- **Family Life Committee (Bill):** The Council agreed to pause new Family Life activities until after the Fair and the start of the school year. Melissa shared the Spiritual Gifts Inventory and Stewardship Directory, noting their value in helping parishioners identify and use their gifts in service to the Church. Parish Council members will complete the survey before next month.
- **Liturgical Committee (Father G):** Father noted that Wednesday Mass will now be celebrated at 6:00 PM, followed by Adoration at 6:30 PM and a newly added confession time from 6:30–7:00 PM. He also shared that Jared has been training new altar servers in St. George and St. Isidore parishes. Beginning this month, Father will offer birthday and anniversary blessings on the final weekend of each month.
- **CCW & Knights of Columbus (Kay):** Kay reported strong parish support for the Prayer and Action team and Totus Tuus, with many parishioners contributing time and food. CCW held its *Rolls and Rosaries* gathering on July 11, and the regular CCW meeting is scheduled for August 3. Remaining 100th Anniversary mugs will be sold at the Fall Fest. The Knights of Columbus provided hamburgers for the Prayer and Action group and their next regular meeting will be August 5. Deb expressed appreciation for the Knights' support of the 100th Anniversary and their contribution toward the meal.
- **Education Committee (Micayla):** The customary back-to-school potluck will be replaced with a Back-to-School Bash at the Depot, featuring hamburgers and outdoor Adoration. Micayla thanked CCW for their support of Totus Tuus and Prayer and Action, noting that 30 students participated in Totus Tuus. Classes began on September 2, which will include parent meetings, Family Faith Formation, and sacrament preparation. The Education Committee meets this week, and a letter and bulletin notice will explain how the Family Faith Formation program works. A First Reconciliation teacher for 2nd grade and additional activity leaders are still needed.
- **Finance Committee (Monica):** There was no meeting this month, so nothing new to report.
- **Building Committee (Edward):** Ed shared a financial graphic for the St. Edward building project, noting that progress toward the goal ranges from 66% to 91%, depending on the final reredos cost. ESS has requested postponing the project to 2027 and emphasized that the reredos must be installed before they begin; a definitive plan for moving it into the church is still needed. ESS also has another parish ready for work, prompting the need for a call between ESS, Edward, Father G., and Melissa to discuss next steps. Edward will follow up with Ron Frank regarding the reredos move and timeline.

8. The meeting concluded with a prayer from Fr. Gnanasekar @ 8:48 PM

9. Next Meeting: Monday, August 24, 2026. @ 7:00 PM.