

St. Edward, St. George, St. Isidore Parish Council Meeting
March 31, 2025

The Republic County Catholic Church Parish Councils met Monday evening March 31, 2025 at 7:00pm in the basement of St. Edward's Church in Belleville, Kansas. Fr. Ryan McCandless and Fr. Joesph Kieffer were present at the meeting as well as Micayla Walden, Keely Meinecke, Anne Collette, Kay Reike, Brent and Melissa Martin, Bob Morris, Stephanie Stindt, and Morris Wilber. St. George Parish Council was represented by Paul Chopp. St. Isidore parish council was represented by Jane Baxa. Philip Meinecke was also present.

Fr. Ryan led the opening prayer, inviting everyone to pray the Memorare.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Fr. Ryan gave the pastor's report indicating OCIA was going well. Seven adults and 3 children will be initiated into the church at the Easter Vigil by receiving the sacrament of Baptism. Confirmation on Sunday, March 16 was well attended. Spring Cleaning is set for April 5th, Saturday morning to prepare our heart and homes for Easter. Ministry training dates will be announced for spring training. Easter celebration for St. Edward includes Easter Vigil on April 19th at 8pm and Easter Sunday at 11am. The Chrism mass is April 10, 2025 at 11:30am in Salina at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Ordinations are April 26th (deacon) at 10am and May 31st (priest) at 10am.

The maintenance report included information about the Sacred Heart Center bathroom being renovated and remodeled for \$543.28. The sink in the kitchen has been repaired. The kitchen furnace is not supplying any heat. A suggestion to accept bids to repair the furnaces in the kitchen and the classroom furnace was set forth but no formal action from the council was taken. The electrician to investigate the kitchen circuits has not yet appeared.

Old business included an explanation of the organ moved and sanctuary extension steps removed. The new sound system was installed for \$8,028. Kay is working on Crisis plan and team; it is awaiting Fr. Ryan's approval. Anne is working on a stewardship plan and is also waiting for Fr. Ryan's approval.

New business to come before the council: parish signage: South on 81 Highway sign is damaged. There has been a opportunity to beatify the Belleville Cemetery. No formal action has been taken on either of these issues.

The building committee will release a new FAQ in April.

St. Isidore discussed the mowing bill and possibility of asking the cemetery board to share the cost.

St. George discussed the update of old plumbing and moving the organ.

Fr. Ryan led the closing prayer by leading everyone to pray the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting is April 28, 2025. Meeting adjourned.

Mike Baxa, President

Morris Wilber, Secretary

Fr. Ryan McCandless, Pastor