

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Sacred Heart Center

1. Attendees:

- **Members Present:** Father Kieffer, Melissa Martin, Bill Mahin, Stephanie Stindt, Bob Morris, Morris Wilber, Kay Rieke, Monica Thayer
- **St. Edward's Staff:** Micayla Walden
- **St. George:** David and Retha Blecha, Jimmie and Rhonda Blecha, Elaine Coonrod, Paul Chopp
- **St. Isidore:** Wayne Pachta, Jane Baxa, Paul Kieffer
- **Building Committee:** Edward Larson, Jared Collette, Karen Splichal, Mike Baxa

2. **Opening Prayer:** Father opened the meeting with a prayer.

3. Approval of Minutes

- Bob Morris moved to approve the minutes and Morris Wilber seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Pastor's Report:

- Father is looking for another priest to be able to provide options for Ash Wednesday Masses (February 18)
- Father will be gone on February 9-12 for the Diocesan Clergy Retreat. No Wednesday night Mass on February 11.

5. St. George Report

- Soup Supper is scheduled for March 29th from 11:00-1:00
- A load of rock will be delivered for the driveway
- Kitchen floor is in poor condition and needs replacement. Suggested contacts to install the tile that is already on hand were Tibbett's, Hood's, and Josh Webb. Father will also check who the Church in Aurora used for their new carpet installation.
- Father will train altar servers on Saturday, February 7 before Mass

6. St. Isidore Report

- An altar hand rail will be installed near the altar, though space is limited. Jane will coordinate the purchase and installation.
- Plans for summer projects include painting exterior railings, repairing or replacing the East Church door, and painting or siding the storage shed.
- Father will train altar servers on February 14 before Mass.

7. Old Business

- **Mary Statue:** Bob presented a granite sample and quote of approximately \$6,000 with estimated labor under \$1,000 from Heath Hoge. Monica moved that Bob contact Heath for an additional quote to repair the statue's brick inset and assess/repair the steps; Stephanie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Scott Memorial Bench/Landscaping:** Isaac has agreed to assess the grounds for placement of the bench.
- **Floor/Toilet in SHC Bathroom:** Mike will call Greg Zach and Monica will contact Webb about options for repair of the flooring and installation.

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- **Furnace:** The air conditioner will be placed on the roof and will be installed in April or May. Mike will visit with Hood about possibilities for the venting system.

4. New Business

- **100th Year Anniversary Update (Deb Krotz):** Deb presented a quote from McBattas for the printing of 200 commemorative books. Each family in the Parish will receive one free book, with extras available for purchase. Recipients for formal invitations was discussed. Parish photos will be taken inside the Church on February 15 for the book's first page and another photo on May 31 in front of the Church. Stephanie moved that the Council appropriate no more than \$3,000 for the budget of the publications and invitations for the 100th anniversary. Morris seconded. Motion carried.
- **Maintenance:** Mike installed several smoke detectors, but 5-6 still need to be completed. Cleaning supplies were moved to the closet under the stairway and old tables will be offered to parishioners via a bulletin announcement. The rectory garage needs to be cleaned out. Micayla will order replacement book holders, research costs of heat detectors, and look into obtaining another dumpster. A Campus Care committee is needed; interested volunteers should email Micayla.

5. Committees

- **Family Life Committee:**
 - Parish Council reviewed the mission statement, "*St. Edward Church, St. Isidore Church and St. George Church strive to act justly, love goodness and walk humbly with God. (Micah 6:8) Together we strive to worship at Holy Mass as well as to live and share the Gospel with others*". Micayla will email the mission statement out to the other Parishes.
 - There will be a Lent Family Night on February 11 with snacks and Lent activities. There will be no regular Faith Formation classes.
 - CCW is hosting a Valentine Dinner on February 15 @ 5:00 followed by a Pitch Tournament.
 - Father and Micayla are scheduling a Parish Mission with Father Tupes on the evenings of Mach 23, 24, and 25. They are looking into having Sister Serena come on February 24th and 25th.
- **Finance Committee:** The finance committee looked over the finances with Amber. They set a new meeting to set a budget for the new fiscal year and to review the funds that could be put toward the renovation project. We still have ½ of the cost of the HVAC system to be paid.
- **Education Committee:** Micayla presented the proposal for the FF program in the upcoming 3 years and the plan for the restored order of Sacrament Preparation.
- **Building Committee:** The Council and Building committee discussed the plans for the Town Hall. Knights of Columbus agreed to provide the refreshments. Edward has spoken to ESS to update them on the status of the project. We are still waiting on a bid for the evaluation of the electrical system.

6. The meeting concluded with a prayer from Father Kieffer at 9:35 PM

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7. Next Meeting is February 23, 2026

Action Items

Task	Responsibility	Deadline
Let Retha Blecha know what albs Belleville uses for altar servers and where they were purchased.	Micayla	2/23/26
Have further discussion with Heath Hoge about brick inset for Mary statue	Bob	2/23/26
Make contacts about repair of flooring and toilet in SHC Bathroom	Monica, Mike	2/23/26
Order replacement book holders, research costs of heat detectors, look into obtaining another dumpster, and email the mission statement to the other Parishes	Micayla	2/23/26