

Parish Council Minutes

August 25, 2025



Attendees: Morris Wilber, Kay Rieke, Philip and Keely Meinecke, Deb Krotz, Bob Morris, Father Ryan, Micayla Walden, Melissa and Brent Martin, Stephanie Stindt.

Meeting Agenda: The council will adopt a new agenda structure, guided by committee reports with a focus on specific goals. The meeting minutes of the July Parish Council meeting were approved by Stephanie and seconded by Morris Wilbur.

Committee Reports

Liturgy Committee (Father Ryan)

- **Committee Members:** Father Ryan, Jared Collette, Philip Meinecke
- **Feast Days & Events:** Father Ryan announced several upcoming dates, including the Exultation of the Cross on September 14, and the Fall Fest on October 12, which is the solemnity of the Feast of St. Edward. St. Edward's official Feast Day is October 13.
- **OCIA:** The first OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) meeting is set for September 14 at 5:30 PM, with an introduction to upcoming topics. There are a few people interested in conversion.

Education Committee (Keely)

- **Faith Formation (FF):** The Faith Formation program begins on Wednesday, August 27 with the Kickoff. Due to outgrown space, K-7 classes will meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM, and CYO will move to Sunday evenings starting September 7 at 7:00 PM.
- **Restored Order of Sacraments:** The Parish is looking to implement the restored order of the sacraments (Reconciliation, then Confirmation, then Eucharist), as has been done in several other states. In the next four years, the plan is to transition to getting everyone confirmed by 3rd grade. A transition plan will be released to parents later.
- **Special Programs:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help is hosting a Purified and Gender Theology program with Jason Everett on October 15 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM, and parents of 7th-12th graders are strongly encouraged to attend with their children. The council discussed providing transportation to and sack lunches for students at the event. Micayla highly recommended the Women's Discernment Retreat for women ages 18 and older which included a Nun Run and the Fiat Discernment Retreat.

100th Anniversary Planning Committee (Deb)

- **Event Details:** The celebration for the 100th anniversary of St. Edward's will be on May 31 at 3:00 PM, with the Bishop in attendance. The event will include a Mass, followed by a fellowship with speakers and a meal at 5:00 PM.
- **Invitations & Booklet:** Invitations for the event need to be sent out in February or March. The committee also plans to create a commemorative booklet with stories and photos submitted by parishioners. The Parish Council will pay for the invitations and booklet, pending a cost estimate.

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Fall Fest (Melissa)

- The Fall Fest will serve as an outreach event. There was a suggestion to have a Ministry Booth to help people get involved in the Church. A 24-hour Adoration will be held alongside the Fall Fest. The food and games will be similar to previous years.

Building Committee (Brent)

- **Renovation Project:** Dan and Kathy Kuhn sponsored a dialogue with the building committee on August 7, 2025. The Parish has been chosen to receive a 22-foot-tall high altar from St. Peter's Church as part of the renovation.
- **Timeline:** The project's hoped-for start date is November 29. The committee will give a project talk to the Diocese on September 3 to discuss the scope and finances of the renovation.

Finance Committee (Micayla)

- The Parish is hiring an accountant for payroll and accounting services. A bid of \$150 per month from Amber Nutsch was presented, which includes payroll, taxes, and setting up QuickBooks Online. Monica Thayer and Bob Morris have both volunteered to join the committee.

Other Topics

- **Ignatius Book Fair (October 5-15):** St. Edward's will host the book fair and Ignatius will send over 400 books, along with a computer to scan cards, books, and decorations. A coloring contest will be part of the event. Micayla demonstrated how to use the Ignatius Book Fair website for ordering or creating wish lists. We will receive cash back from sales to purchase books for the Parish.
- **CCW:** The CCW will have a pancake supper on September 14. They will be selling mugs at the Fall Fest as a fundraiser for CCW, commemorating the 100th anniversary. They are exploring how to create committees focused on Bible Studies and a Welcoming/Hospitality committee. The deep cleaning of the church will be done after the Fall Fest.
- **Diocesan Council:** The Diocesan Council is emphasizing lay ministries. The council is seeking input on how the Diocese can help rural parishes where priests and parish councils are spread thin. Philip mentioned he is taking a class to become a lay minister as part of a pilot program.
- **Maintenance:** The discussed options for the maintenance and cleaning roles. The current facilities are too large for one person to manage.
- **Parish Surveys:** The council will create a Parish Council survey to be given out before a charism survey from the Diocese. Stephanie will draft the survey questions and send them to the council before the next meeting. Parish Council will vote to approve on September 22, 2025.

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- **Highway 81 Sign:** The council discussed options for the Parish's south-facing sign on Highway 81 after receiving complaints. The repair would cost \$3,216. The motion was made for Philip to discuss repair/replacement options with Apple One Media.

Action Items

Task	Responsibility	Deadline
Draft questions for Parish survey	Stephanie	9/15/25
Approach CCW about providing sack lunches for students attending the Purified and Gender Theology program -	Kay	9/8/25
Discuss repair/replacement options with Apple One Media	Philip	9/22/25