

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – January 8, 2026
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

The January Parish Council Meeting was called to order by President Stephanie Hornung at 8:00pm and the council opened with prayer. 9 members were present, as well as Father John and Jenny Schmidt. The minutes of the December Parish Council Meeting were read by Jenny Schmidt. Kaden Stein moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Nancy Ackerman seconded. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

-Thank you notes were read from the Manna House, Southwind, Fr. John, Tena Gleason, Louise Lampe, and Jenny Schmidt for Christmas gifts.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Church and Community Affairs Committee: 6 members met

-The 2026 Guild lists have been mailed to guild leaders. The list has been uploaded to the website and paper copies will be available at church this coming weekend. Please notify the committee with any phone number changes that need to be made.

-They finished planning the pancake breakfast – January 25th from 8:30-10:30. The committee will take care of the breakfast but welcomes any volunteers that would like to help.

-They are prepared to meet with Jenny to plan out the process of updating the Parish Directory.

Faith Formation Committee: Met via text

-The committee finalized plans to watch and discuss The Chosen Season 5. All are invited on Sundays through February and March, at 3:30 PM each week.

Finance Committee: 4 members met

-The committee received a tithing update from the Diocese with a few changes being implemented. The parish sends 10% of our collection to the Diocese and that will now include interest earned, income sources such as religious education fees, and donations towards maintenance and property projects.

December 2025 Balances

General Checking:	\$ 199,100.28
Cemetery Fund:	\$ 37,794.00
Memorial Account:	\$ 52,680.44
Savings/Diocese:	\$ 204,774.61
Total Funds:	\$ 494,349.33

Liturgy Committee: Met via text.

-The committee will take down Christmas decorations after Mass this coming Sunday. They welcome all volunteers who would like to stay and help. Muscle would once again be appreciated to get the Nativity scene back into its closet.

-The church décor will transition back to ordinary time. Lent decorations will go up before Ash Wednesday on February 18th.

-The committee will be sending out the ministry thank you gifts soon from 2025's stewardship spotlight series.

Property Committee: Met via text.

-Nothing new to present.

Youth Committee: Did not meet.

-They gained 2 new members: Uriah Hubbell and Jamie Dodd.

-They hosted the family movie night on January 2nd with a decent turnout and positive feedback.

OLD BUSINESS:

-No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

-A few notes of appreciation to volunteers this last month – Nancy Ackerman helped Jenny Schmidt clean up the lending library and entryway, and Cindy Hubbell sewed new Velcro and cleaned up rough patches on the servers albs. Their help is very appreciated!

FATHER'S REPORT:

-Father John reminded everyone of the Diocese celebrating its 75th Anniversary this year. With this anniversary, each parish is encouraged to host a celebration on their Patron Saint's Feast Day – ours being observed for St. John the Baptist on Saturday, August 29th.

-The Diocese will host the Pilgrimage for Life on Saturday, January 31st at the Cathedral. Beginning at 10 AM, a representative from the Kansas Catholic Conference will speak on pro-life issues in Kansas legislation. The pilgrimage will be a prayer walk starting at 10:45 and will be a loop a little over 2 miles, beginning and ending at the Cathedral. They will follow that with Mass and a luncheon. Please RSVP at

<https://www.dcdiocese.org/offices/respect-life>

-Ash Wednesday Masses will be on February 18th at 8:30 AM at Parkview and at 7:00 PM at the church.

President Hornung called for a motion to adjourn. Nathan Stein motioned; Debbie Wood seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm. Father John led the group in prayer.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday, February 5th, beginning at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Schmidt
Parish Secretary
(Minutes are unofficial until read and corrected.)