

Feb. 10, 2026 Parish Council meeting

In attendance:

Voting members: Dave Nash, Shelley Thomas, Jerry Fitzgerald, Brooke Talkington and Stacy Celli.

Non-voting members: Mary Skiles, Mike Esselstein, Larry Gion and Terri Calvert.

Meeting called to order by Council President Dave Nash at 6:33 and began with prayer. Quorum was found in existence with 4 voting members present. Dave noted status of Council membership with several having served their stint and Jerry Fitzgerald submitted a letter of resignation. The Council thanked him for his years of dedicated service. A motion to accept his resignation was made by Brooke and seconded by Staci with unanimous acceptance.

Minutes for the January meeting were reviewed, Larry offered a correction of some verbiage to: '2025 annual financial report will be in the next bulletin'. Moved to approve amended by Shelley, seconded by Brooke – passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Boiler repair update: per Mike E., a man who works for Snell's Service, lives in Alliance - has worked on several projects at St. Agnes and is willing to do some maintenance for us; gives us someone to confer with re: advice, parts, etc. Theresa has name and number for contacts – he wants to do this with no compensation as his gift to St. Agnes. Boiler pump is not working properly – will need to be drained completely. It is partially covered under our service agreement with Big Mac. This man may be able to work with us to take care of it. Mike will continue to work with this guy (Mike did not have his name handy) to address the problem. We can still maintain our service contract with Big Mac, and use this man on other issues as needed.

Lawn care.... We have already planned on fertilization/spraying for this year with the provider from last year (Lofings)– one-time fee including the rectory total \$1,691. May need to have some seeding done, per Jerry. So far, we are \$1,000 under our lawn/snow care budget.

Jerry talked with Austen re: snow/lawn care. Austen gave proposal for spray/fertilizer application which is comparable to Lofings'. Will reevaluate when current contract with Lofings expires. Austen uses his own equipment to mow..... should we sell the equipment we own? also we own a four wheeler with a blade.....

Upcoming Important Dates:

February 18th is Ash Wednesday with three Masses – 7 a.m, noon and 7 pm.....

Fridays during Lent – Stations of the Cross at 5 pm with Mass at 5:30.

Holy Tridium begins Thursday, April 2nd.

Holy Thursday – Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday – Stations of the Cross at 5 pm, Mass at 5:30

Easter Vigil – Saturday evening Mass at 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday – Mass at 8:00 and 10:00

Confirmation is April 12th at 10:00 a.m. Mass.

First Holy Communion – April 19th at 10:00 a.m. Mass

NOTE: Fr Hannibal's presentation for Parish committee members has been postponed until Fall.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mary suggests a Liturgy Committee report to the Council to make sure all issues discussed are shared and known to all. Examples would be the police portable radio that ushers now use in case of emergency, as one example. Safety changes/updates have been made and that information has been shared.

Issue with doors being locked during Mass, one at a 5 pm mass and one at 10 mass..... Unknown who is responsible. Doors cannot be locked during Mass, per our Bishop.

We now have a teenaged girl who is serving as Eucharistic Minister - we will not put her at risk with handling the wine, so she will be assigned to Ciborium only..... if she does end up with 'blood of Christ' duties, she can take her left over wine/blood to the Sacristy for another minister to consume.

Report from Terri Calvert: had an incident in the men's bathroom last Sunday involving quite a nasty mess for Chuck and Judy Schwartz to clean up..... now have 'out of order' signs in the closet behind the drinking fountain. Shelley shared this information with all Sacristans.

Sound system is not working correctly. Terry has called the service people..... Clavinova is too loud, and the Gathering Space camera does not work any longer. This repair business is out of Kearney, hope to have repaired soon.

Fish Fry's this year on Feb. 20th, and March 6th and 27th. 5pm on Fridays will be Stations..... Holy thur 7;

Noon ; Easter Sunday 8 and 10..... Not sure about communal penance date yet. Father Konka expected to return this Thursday.

Jan '26 to '27 designated the Year of St. Francis per Pope Leo.

Julie Brown – great Catholic Schools week!! Hosted a community wide career fair with 25 people participating; hosted parents for indoor picnic; hosted the Bishop. Registered 5 new students in January.... Hosted registration fair with anticipated 5 new students for next year. Penny Carnival upcoming.....

Mary Skiles = no report now from Foundation – meet next in May.

Larry Gion: Financial report..... budget for 7 months, 333k

Brought in \$250,317 actual weekly support, July through January, 2026, rendering us 25% short of budgeted amount. We received \$58,831 in designated gifts in January – wonderful and much appreciated gifts. With all considered, including Christmas donations, we currently stand at \$856.15 under budget, as of the end of January 2026.

Larry received the insurance premium on all our buildings from Catholic Mutual Group. Premium is \$61,453 in total for all 4 properties including school. Our budgeted amount was very close and we actually came out \$5139 under budget. Replacement costs on all 4 buildings increased this past year by almost \$17,000.

APPLICATIONS FOR PARISH COUNCIL OPENINGS:

Jerry Fitzgerald has tendered his resignation to the Council. We now have 4 vacancies – 3 brand new and one to fill out Jerry's tenure. Only one application so far – from Chris Calvert. The deadline has passed, but two folks have expressed interest so Dave will approach them and determine their interest and let Council and Father know. Motion to approve Chris and move his application on to Father made by Staci and Brooke passed unanimously. ** LATE NOTE: both Dan Marshall and Toni Wharburton have submitted applications for Council vacancies. Their names will be presented to Father along with Chris Calvert's.

Discussed a youth representative for our Council. Discussed age range 16-20; Council members will reach out to those who might be interested.

Dave asking for help with moving a spare Tabernacle from the St. Agnes basement to a vehicle for transport to Crawford – Fr. Matt asking to borrow one of our spare Tabernacles during their rearranging there. .

Meeting adjourned at 1955 with prayer.

Next meeting March 10th.....

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Thomas