

Parish Council Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2026

1. Vice Chairperson Bob Brus (via phone) called the meeting to order
2. Attendees: Deacon Matt Levy, Jill Halligan, Phyllis Avesing, Ed Kocal, Ray Harre, Mary Nelson, Wendy Schnack (via phone), Shirley Schmidt, Chris Rubley, Bob Brus (via phone), Pat Becker, Mike Moellenbeck and Janine Stevens
Excused Absence: Kristal Schaefer
3. Opening Prayer: Led by Deacon Matt
4. Previous Minutes Reviewed: Ray Harre motioned to accept minutes. Chris Rubley second. Bob asked for vote. All ayes. No nays. Motion carried.
5. Committee Reports
 - 5.1 Parish-at-Large: Bob Brus
 - Nothing to Report
 - 5.2 Parish-at-Large: Kristal Schaefer
 - Nothing to Report
 - 5.3 Building and Grounds-Reported by Ed Kocal, Chairperson
 - Holy Spirit has been hung to the right of the Altar
 - Carpeting Installation will begin during the week of March 23
 - A roofer has been hired to fix a small leak in the Reservation Chapel
 - 5.4 Faith Formation – Reported by Janine Stevens
 - Nothing to Report
 - 5.5 Justice and Prayer-Reported by Ray Harre, Chairperson
 - Nothing to Report
 - 5.6 Christian Services-Reported by Mary Nelson
 - Next Churches United dinner is on March 13, 2026.
 - Next Food Pantry will be March 17, 2026.
 - 5.7 Mary's Angels-Reported by Wendy Schnack, Chairperson
 - Name change to: St Andrew Sisters in Christ to promote our strength in moving forward in our Parish
 - Questionnaire was handed out regarding funerals and meeting times with good response from women
 - Bake Sale on April 24-25 at Bonnie Strong's house
 - Mary Statue purchase for Rosary Garden
 - Donuts will be provided after Mass on Easter Sunday
 - Sisters in Christ will provide soup after Stations of the Cross on Wednesday March 18

- 5.8 Deacon Matt went on record that he did not have anything to do with the Mary's Angels name change. It was voted on by the women in attendance at their last meeting
- 5.9 Deacon Matt mentioned there will be a baptism during Easter Sunday Mass
- 5.10 Welcoming-Pat Becker
- 5.11 No new members this month
- 5.12 Worship and Prayer-Reported by Shirley Schmidt, Chairperson
- Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper schedule
 - Palm Sunday Mass at 10:30 proceeded by Blessing of the Palms in Parish Hall (outside if weather is permitting)
 - Holy Thursday Mass on 04/02 at 5:30pm with Father Bud
 - Good Friday service on 04/03 at 5:30pm with Father Stack
 - Easter Sunday Mass on 04/05 at 10:30am
- 5.13 Phyllis Avesing reported on Religious Education nights
- 6th session was held the 1st Wednesday of March. The topic was Church and Our way to Heaven.
- 5.14 Knights of Columbus-Reported by Chris Rubley, Grand Knight
- Delegates needed for the Knights of Columbus Convention for the weekend of April 10th
 - Knights of Columbus will be hosting a food drive March 1 – March 22 for Buffalo Food Pantry – checks to be made payable to Buffalo Food Pantry 6 pounds of food can be obtained for every DOLLAR donated
 - Knights of Columbus soup supper was scheduled for March 25, but is cancelled because of the carpet installation
 - Knights of Columbus will be donating for the sanctuary (tabernacle) light
- 5.15 Finance Report-Reported by Mike Moellenbeck, Chairperson
February 2026 – (Current Month Financials)
- Total Revenue \$32,320 – need \$20,308/month to hit budget of \$243,700.
 - Total Expenses \$30,971 – versus \$20,158/month budgeted or \$241,900 for the year.
 - Net Income for the month is \$1,348.

Fiscal Year 2025/26 (8-month Financials)

- Total revenue from all sources is \$184,997 which is \$22,530 ahead of the 8-month budget of \$162,467. Total income budget for the year is \$243,700.
- Total expenses year-to-date are \$145,672 which is \$15,595 under the 8-month budget of \$161,267. Total expenditures for the year are budgeted at \$241,900.

- After 8 months, year-to-date income is \$39,325 which is \$37,525 ahead of the year-end total budget of \$1,800.

1. Revenue Comments

February income includes \$14,329 from Upon the Rock Campaign which was directly offset by Extraordinary Repairs and Expenses for Kneelers (acct 51186).

February income also includes \$5,368 for interest on CD's.

Envelopes and offertory for the year \$112,407 8-month budget of \$141,333.

2. Expense Comments

Year-to-date Administration Expense is \$113,275 compared to the 8-month budget of \$123,333. Under budget by \$10,058. For February Admin Expenses include \$400 website subscription and \$14,329 for the kneelers. Catholic Messenger Expense of \$1,554 represents St Andrew's share to cover unpaid parishioner subscriptions. Total of 76 subscribers of which 51 were paid by parishioners.

Contracted Services over budget by \$2,100 (snow removal)

Other expense categories have no major deviation from budget

3. ADA Summary

Our ADA goal for 2025/26 is \$24,669 of which we have \$30,796 pledged. Of the pledged amount \$25,716 has been paid.

4. Other

Joan Martz has officially stepped down as the chairperson of the Finance Committee. Mike Moellenbeck will finish out her term as chair for the committee.

Old Business

- Tabernacle quote has been received from Religious Supply

New Business

- Use of Pledge cards for stewardship to Parishioners for budgeting purposes
Sub-team of Justice and Peace??
2 people available for witness talks
- THANK YOU to Council members!!! To everyone for the donating and helping serve Soup and Sliders on March 4 Family Faith Education Night
- Vote was held to change Parish Council meetings to every other month beginning with the April 2026 meeting (Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec, Feb) unless special meeting is required. Ray Harre made a motion, Chris Rubley seconded. All members present voted in favor, and there were no votes against
- Parish Summer Celebration to be held on Sunday July 12 after Mass
Matt Carlson will provide meat and Rebecca Escalante will provide cake
- Add Council Member names to future bulletin

Ray Harre made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Shirley Schmidt seconded. All members present voted in favor, and there were no votes against.

Deacon Matt closed with a prayer

Next meeting is scheduled for 6:00pm April 15, 2026.