



## MINUTES

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Council members in attendance were Father Michael Wimsatt, Lou Edmondson, Cheri Ellis-Reeves, Jeff Lanz, Greg Schrecke, and Lorna Vertrees. Council members who were not present were Jordan Cofer and Father Cole McDowell.

### Agenda Overview and Prayer Requests - Lorna Vertrees

#### Opening Prayer and Pastor's Notes - Father Michael

New Parish office flooring was installed in December. We welcomed Archbishop Shelton to Mass with a meal following. Advent was beautiful and the church was packed. Tim retired at the end of the year. The position is open. Barbara Todd and Abbey Wilkerson are doing a great job in leading a transition team and scheduling cantors and choir. The school board has not met yet this month.

#### Parish Pastoral Council Chair Reports:

- **Faith Formation** - Lou reported Catechism class that is led by Deacon Dean and Susan is heavily attended. Many events are upcoming in the church.

- o Tuesday, January 20 - First Reconciliation
- o Friday-Sunday, January 23-25- Confirmation Retreat
- o Sunday, February 8- Confirmation at 12N Mass
- o Saturday/Sunday, February 14/15 - Anointing of the Sick
- o Saturday, February 14- Marriage Retreat
- o Women and Men Lenten Retreats

Family Faith Formation, Middle School Ministry, and High School Ministry continue to meet. The Archdiocese has released new sacramental guidelines. The official document will be printed and released in the Spring. Most guidelines affect the Faith Formation team internally.

- OCIA - We currently have 11 Candidates, 3 Catechumens, and 3 Catholics (only baptized) journeying with us.
- The Archdiocese scheduled The Rite of Election for February 22, 2026, at 2:30 pm at St. Patrick in Louisville. Only Catechumens (unbaptized) will attend.

- Archdiocese Metropolitan Tribunal - We are actively working through approximately 8 Tribunal cases at various stages. This involves close collaboration with the Archdiocese to ensure all canonical requirements for Sacramental Marriage are met with care and diligence.
- Men's retreat - Planning underway for the Men's Lenten Retreat scheduled for March 14, 2026. Theme, structure, and logistics are currently underway.
- Currently working with 6 Inquirers preparing for the next OCIA class, fostering their journey toward full communion with the Catholic Church. Lorna added that CWOSJ will start doing charity work by feeding the patrons of Room in the Inn.

**- Finance** -Cash flow is good. We are ahead of last year at this time. Father Michael stated that long term planning will likely be a part of anniversary year events.

**- Parish Life** - Cultural Diversity had Epiphany Mass with Dinner afterwards and was well attended. Health and Wellness are now taking blood pressure readings at coffee and donuts. Hospitality is going along. Knights of Columbus are working on the Brotherhood Banquet. Christmas for Kids helped 175 kids this year. Parish Picnic plans are in the works and need volunteers!

**- School Board** - Jeff along with Mr. Black and Mr. Stith will be taped to the wall and Father Chuck and Father Cole will have 175 water balloons thrown at them as result of fundraisers being successful.

**- Social Concerns** - Stewardship meeting will be scheduled soon. The booklet will be mailed out in April. Last year we received about 33% back.

Room in the Inn due to the generosity of our parishioners, Wednesday night meals have been covered for the remainder of the season.

Homebound Ministry - Things are going well but could always use more volunteers to better serve our parishioners.

SVDP Outreach is plugging along but needs more energetic volunteers. Jail Ministry needs more volunteers. Hoping that bulletin blurb will get more volunteers.

Blood Drive operations are running smoothly with excellent community participation.

The Thanksgiving committee reported that they ran out of turkey. This was the first year that there was a shortage of meat. They fed roughly 1300 meals within a 2-hour period.

**- Stewardship and Administration** - 175th update: Lorna said we will have a 52-week raffle for the St. James 175th anniversary. Tickets will be sold toward the end of February, after Black and White Ball. James Victory from Brett Guthrie's office contacted Lorna for the 175th Anniversary of St James to receive a proclamation from Kentucky. Looking at the presentation potentially scheduled for July 25th at parish dinner celebration.

**- Worship** - Art and Environment did a beautiful job with Christmas decorations. A parishioner donated funds for new altar cloths. Helen Wheatley is getting off as chair of Lectors, Eliza Singer is taking on that chairman position. Jeff and Deacon Dean will have training for all EHMC, this is a mandatory meeting to go over new guidelines. This training will be held in March. There will be two different times to accommodate everyone. Servers will have upcoming training with slight changes. There are younger servers coming in and some of the older ones are staying. Ash Wednesday is February 18, Easter is April 5

**Closing Comments - Father Michael**

**Blessing - Father Michael**

**Next meeting: To be determined.**