

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH COUNCIL REPORT – TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026

Members Present: Stewart Bober, Bill Stroup, Fr. Brian, Regina Sharpe, Lydia Diem, Lisa Briggs, Dcn. Bryan

Members Absent: Brendalynn Barlow, Debra Wing

Meeting began at 7:15 with a prayer.

The Parish Council Report from 11/18/2025 was approved with no corrections.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. No Old Business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Lenten Project: Lisa Briggs presented an idea for a Lenten Project that she would like to promote. She would like to send “Resurrection Bubble Envelopes” for Easter to children that attended the Half Day Hospitality program in prior years. Parishioners would take a pre-addressed envelope and fill with 6 small items for Easter. Lisa will have a list of ideas of gifts to choose from. It would be the parishioner’s responsibility to mail the envelope in time for Easter. The envelope would also include an invitation to Easter Sunday Mass and the Children’s Easter Egg Hunt.
2. Montrose Ministerial Association: Dcn. Bryan reported that he attended a Safety Meeting with local police and fire department personnel, along with the Superintendent of Schools and area pastors. The meeting was to plan for an emergency in coordination with local authorities. There will be more upcoming meetings to prepare for an emergency response in the event of an emergency.
3. Men of Steel: The next breakfast and meeting will be held at Good Shepherd on Saturday, February 7 from 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. All men of the community are invited to attend.

PARISH ORGANIZATION

1. Knights of Columbus: Deacon Bryan Root
 - a. The number of Fish Fry meals being served has increased.
 - b. The Knight of the Month was Dcn. Bryan and the Family of the Month was Jim & Nancy Hall.
 - c. The Knight’s are reserving tables for the Admiral’s Ball that will be held on Saturday, February 14 at St. Michael’s Byzantine Catholic Church. There will be Mass at 4:00 p.m. followed by the dinner.

COMMISSIONS:

1. Finance Council: Stewart Bober
 - a. The most current Sunday & Holy Day Contribution Report was handed out. To date we are approximately \$5600.00 above our budgeted goal.
2. Christian Service: Carol Lawrence
 - a. For 2025 the Giving Tree serviced five children. Our parishioners were very generous and helped these families feel the love of Christ through their gift giving.

3. Worship: Fr. Brian
 - a. The Mass for Ash Wednesday, February 18, will be at 6:30 p.m.
 - b. Stations of the Cross will be at 7:00 p.m. on Fridays during Lent.
4. Social Media: Carol Lawrence
 - a. Carol is highlighting the Fish Fry's and Adoration sign-up as well as the Euchre Tournaments.

BINGO: Debra Wing

- a. No Report.

YOUTH GROUP: David Smith

1. The Breakfast with Santa attendance was down from prior years and raised \$739.00 to purchase gifts for families in need.
2. The Youth Group invited youth group alumni to their Christmas party in December.
3. There will be no Youth Group meeting on Sunday, January 25.

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Lisa M. Briggs

1. Students honored and dressed up as saints for the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, November 1. A special thank you to Dcn. Bryan and Becky for providing the participants with the book, "*All Hallow's Eve*". Also thank you to those who donated treats for the reception following the Mass.
2. Ten students were recognized at the Mass of Enrollment on Sunday, November 9.
3. Special thanks to Dcn. Bryan for serving as St. Nichols on Friday, December 5 for the students in Religious Ed. Thank you to all who donated gifts for the "filling of the shoes".
4. An upcoming soup kitchen visit will be on Saturday, March 7.
5. The Confirmation Rite of Choice Ceremony will be on Sunday, February 22.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE: Brendalynn Barlow, Regina Sharpe, Lydia Diem

1. No Report.

The meeting ended at 8:20 p.m. with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann Kaczmarczyk