



St Michael Parish

Standard Committee Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2025

Upper Meeting Room

Present: Susan Bakhshi, Martha Bogue, Father Dailey, Mary Fristad, Alex Jamieson, Father Johnstone, Elaine Miracle, Mary Sue Pickett, Scott Siemens and Joe Soller

1. Opening Prayer

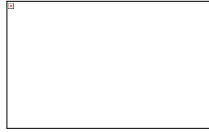
2. Approval of September Minutes

3. Pastor Report

- The schedule for scheduling sacraments has been opened. We are no longer only offering baptisms on certain days of the month. They are being scheduled on solemnities and feast days.
- Currently working with the members of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine to create geographical regions within the parish boundaries which are neighborhood based. This to create fellowship closer to home.
- The Parish staff has been restructured so their roles are more clearly defined. A new full time maintenance position has been filled. This will enable cleanings and maintenance to be done around parish groups' schedules.
- After 42 years, Ron Barrett has stepped down. A job posting for a new organist has been posted on a national level.
- The Bethlehem Ball will be a new event that will take place on 12/11/26. This will be a dinner/auction event that will raise funds for the Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem which is the only neo-natal hospital in the area that treats Christians, Muslims and Jews.

4. Chairperson Report

- Christmas decorating schedule:
 - Exterior Lights – Sunday November 23rd
 - Exterior Nativity – Sunday November 30th
 - Interior Decorations – Sunday December 21st
 - Interior Flower Placement – Monday December 22nd
- Confraternity of Christian mothers recently finished a book study of the Jewish roots of Mary. There will be a November formation night with a speaker who will speak about making peace with technology.
- Research has been done regarding a parish directory in celebration of the parish's anniversary. Have found a company to work with. Would need an editor to help with the process and to create the lay out of the parish life pages.



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5. Standing Member Reports

- Sister Mary Regina
 - The Prospective Parent Information Night will be held on Thursday November 13th at 6pm.

6. Appointed Member Reports

- Respect Life
 - Blessed Boxes – include: a crucifix, rosary, two candles, Four St. Benedict medals, Blessed salt and holy water, a prayer book, a pamphlet on how to pray the rosary, A small explanatory note about each item. The costs have significantly risen since 2021 but, we're really excited about bringing back the Blessed Box in whatever form Father Dailey envisions.
 - Epiphany Bags. These would include blessed chalk and prayers for families to use when chalking their door frames on Epiphany. We're hoping to involve the middle school students in assembling these bags and distribute them to parish families around the feast day.
 - Plan to reach out to the St. Vincent de Paul Society about designating our collection box in Marian Hall (for diapers and baby wipes) as a collection site specifically for their use. Earlier this month, St. Vincent de Paul contacted me regarding some diapers that had accumulated there and mentioned that these items are needed in our own parish pantry. While we will continue our annual collections for the Women's Care Center, these ongoing monthly donations could also serve families within our local community who are in immediate need. The Respect Life Ministry intends to advertise this in the parish bulletin, pending Father's and St. Vincent de Paul's approval.

- Adoration
 - Here are the goals as we work to expand Exposition throughout the week: Sunday 8am-9pm, Sunday 10pm-Monday 9am, Monday 10pm-Tuesday 5am, Friday 9pm-Saturday 8am. The Sunday hours are almost filled, but the hours during the night are the most challenging as you might expect. The number of adorers who have accounts is always fluctuating as people move in and out of the parish.



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- **Boy Scouts**
 - This is the last weekend for the Christmas Wreath Sale, Pick-ups will be held around Thanksgiving. Will be hosting Friendship Sunday in December.

- **St. Vincent DePaul**
 - In September, 8 households were assisted with rent and utilities. 77 people visited the food pantry, 12 people visited the clothing room. The hours of the pantry may be extended. St. Michael will host the St. Vincent DePaul Mass on December 2nd. The Bishop will celebrate the Mass.

- **Women's Faith and Fellowship**
 - Bible study is wrapping up. The October Candlelight event was well attended. The next Candlelight event is on December 4th: Hope in Advent.

- **Cub Scouts**
 - Completed a successful camp out last weekend. Father Dailey joined the Cub Scouts at the campsite to celebrate Mass. Working on scheduling a Josephium tour for the scouts.

7. Parish 80th Anniversary Plans

- The Rejoice Christmas concert will be held on December 6th beginning with the school choir at 5:30pm and Christmas story at 6:30pm. Will possibly reduce the reception after the concert to desserts and water.
- St. Michael's 80th anniversary will be featured in an article in The Catholic Times in the November 30th issue.

Closing Prayer/Adjournment at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Bakhshi, Secretary