

Parish Pastoral Council  
St. John the Baptist Parish  
Minutes - February 24, 2026

Attendance: Father Phil, Rob Bushman, David Feuz, Mike Hare, Sarah Miller, Belinda Siperko, Susan Snell, Weida Stoecker, Don Vosnick, Dave Williams  
Guest: Diane Skirpan

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Father Phil

Old Business: The January Minutes were read and approved. The Parish Fellowship Social was discussed. Parish Council members stated many comments were received about the events. Everyone liked the idea of continuing the events. Some parishioners stated they would like to have these events on a monthly basis. Parishioners would like to see more social fellowship events.

New Business: Diane Skirpan attended the meeting and took pictures of the members to be placed on the Parish Website. She also discussed the ways she could support the Parish Council.

1. Provide the latest version of the Time and Talent form (Diane will check with the office staff to see if anything needs to be updated)
2. Re-run the call for Extraordinary Ministers, along with the requirements, in the bulletin (Diane will use the same announcement as was in the bulletin previously)
3. Create an acknowledgement email that automatically gets sent to those who submit a comment/question to the PC webpage contact form, indicating that their comment/question will be discussed at the next council meeting and they will be hearing back from the council after that discussion.

Father Phil stated the Parish Council Training is being offered by the Diocese. He will check on dates. (Update - May 19th)

A Safety Committee is being established. They will review current safety measures and propose new ones as needed. This committee is open to the Parish.

Rob Bushman will be the Parish Council's liaison to the Parish Bingo on Sunday, May 3, 2026 at the New Freedom Community Center. The Parish Bingo committee is requesting donations or baskets to be raffled off.

The DMI Committee will meet on March 5, 2026 to review the survey and establish 3 goals and 3 actions to improve the parish.

Comments and questions from the Social were discussed.

Future Parish Socials. It was stated we need these socials, but need a Hospitality Committee to be in charge. If responsibility is passed to various groups, they must have one person to plan the event and report to the Hospitality Committee.

Parish Hall rentals were discussed. The Hall is available Friday evenings through Sunday evenings as it is used by the school during school hours. Those using the hall must guarantee that it will be cleaned after use according to code.

Twelve Eucharistic Ministers are needed to give out communion in both forms. A call for those interested in serving will be placed in the Bulletin.

Parishioners are requesting that the Nursery be reopened.

Saturday morning Mass will only be offered the first Saturday of the month.

Both St John the Baptist Catholic School and Religious Education students will be allowed to serve as lectors at the weekend Masses.

The meeting was closed with a prayer. The next meeting will be on March 10, 2026 at 6 pm in the St. Elizabeth Seton conference room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Weida Stoecker  
Secretary