

St. Gabriel the Archangel Church

Approved Parish Council Minutes

February 10, 2026

Members present: Linda Lenhart (2026), Peggy Boone (2028), Tammy Shoemaker (2027), Dennis Comella (2027), Kevin Abell (2026), Heather Skinner (2028), Deacon Tim Stout, Fr. Jason Harris

Members absent: Ken Cusick (2027), Bob Gray (2028), Rita Dobson (2026), Deacon Stephen Bowling,

Opening Prayer: Fr. Jason Harris

December minutes were approved by Dennis Comella, seconded by Linda Lenhart

Minutes will only be sent to group two days before the next meeting for review

Questions/Comments/Concerns

Some one had heard we are not having fish fries, may suggest to Men's Club to start advertising?

Concern from a parent on cost of uniforms: All uniform companies are high, tried to take kid input, they like the dry fit which is more expensive

March 18 is the Right to Life event: We have already donated, event takes place in Louisville, will it be in the bulletin?

What is the approach when people bring coffee or beverages to church? No coffee or beverages in church, put out signs when there is a special mass ; All are welcome, but not everything goes; Train the sacristans to watch out for it, Kathy Abell does a great job with special occasions on reminding folks

Liturgical question: when we are saying the Our Father, who is supposed to raise their hands? No one but the priest, actually, but at this time, Father does not want to make a big deal of it. The change of kneeling and sitting thing around the Eucharist, Archbishop has written papers about that, so that was something we changed.

Communion on tongue? Going forward they are going to teach both of them at St. Gabriel, hand and tongue are equal, making sure we are not driving them to one another, so one way is not seen as "right" or "left"

Reflected on Freedom Friday with student: achieves Father Jason's goal of getting all the kids to confession and adoration at least once a year; we discussed the layout and how much the kids learn

St. Gabriel has represented the parish well at the Little Way Pregnancy Center.

Membership

Linda Will be rotating off in May, Kevin and Rita will rotate down. We will need another Council member.

*Bring treat for May meeting for goodbye Linda after 6 years of service to Parish Council

Snow feedback (Cancelling Mass)

No negative feedback so far, it was decided based on Governor's declaration of emergency, and time frame for when it would start (11-5) afraid people would get stuck at church

Idea for future weather concerns: Could Father do a video, or pre-record, so people see him?

Votive price increase

Price of the candles has gone to \$3.10, so we will raise the price to \$5, pays for votives, and helps music ministry

Any thoughts in increasing cost of mass intentions? That is set by Archdiocese

Money report/discussion

Bottom line we are doing well as a parish

Question: Has the collection baskets hurt St. Vincent Depaul? not yet or have not heard

Trivia will go to school, preschool and sports; church fundraisers do not run at the same time so there is a calendar

Men's Club Fish Fries: they have scholarships, pay for candles and wine for mass, and Father can ask for help on different initiatives

We will probably get a bump in attendance in 5th grade from JCPS moving to middle schools

Tuition is increasing, but fees are included. Tech fee is going up, that's why it's going up. Maybe somehow the school explain that; might help reduce grumbling?

Bingo is doing great, people are volunteering, A parent is coordinating it

Discussed Vital Statistics report

Prayer (Fr. Jason)

Minutes submitted by Heather Skinner