



St. Gabriel the Archangel School Board Minutes

6/2/26 (rescheduled from 5/26/26)

6:30-8:00 p.m. Art room

Attendance: Erica Hodge, Jordan Oros, Laura Roberts, Erin Young (virtual), Joey Brown, Lara Krill, Jennifer Schulz, Lisa Mattmiller, Bethany Dages

- Opening Prayer
- Review/Approval of Minutes -
 - April 2026- approved
- Parish Liaison, Kathy Abell, Director of Faith Formation
- Old Business
 - Marketing
 - Niche- proposal- wait until fall
- Enrollment Projections (as of 5/29/26)

	2025-26	2026-27	Pending transfer applications (2026-27)
K	81	72 (includes expected retentions)	
1	58	75	+1
2	65	60	+2
3	61	63	
4	53	56	
5	49	56	
6	47	53	
7	63	48	
8	56	65	

Total	535	548	+3
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- School Board Membership
 - Change Roberts and Dages to 3 years
- Review school board statement
 - [School Board Statement 2025-26](#)
 - [School Board Statement 2026-27](#) (proposed)
- New Business
 - Self-evaluation of School Board and review of By-laws
 - [2025 Self-evaluation](#)
 - [2026 Self-evaluation](#)
- Proposed Meeting Dates (2026-2027)
 - *All meetings at 6:30pm*
 - August 25
 - September 22
 - October 27
 - December 1
 - January 26
 - February 23
 - March 23
 - May 4



Saint Gabriel Parish
2025-2026 Formation Updates

Three Accomplishments within the Formation Department:

1. Successfully coordinated preparation programs for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation candidates and their families. Specifically, I am most excited about the service opportunities (St. Ignatius fieldtrip service day) that connected catechesis with action and encouraged seventh graders to live the Gospel through works of mercy.
2. Specifically for eighth grade through the Confirmation preparation, We sought to foster a culture of missionary discipleship that encouraged our eighth graders to not only to learn about the Catholic faith but to actively live it through prayer, worship, service, and community engagement. I feel like after four years this is finally a part of St. Gabriel Sacramental preparation.
3. Maintained strong partnerships with parish staff, clergy, families, and volunteers to support parish formation goals and participation in all sacraments for children and adults.

Two Goals that you have for the upcoming year

1. Begin cultivating a parish-wide culture of missionary discipleship by creating a comprehensive faith formation model that bridges classroom learning, family engagement, liturgical participation, and service to help parishioners of all ages move beyond faith "knowledge" to a lived experience of discipleship, inspiring them to encounter Christ, grow in faith, and share the Gospel through their daily lives and actions. Ways that I plan to accomplish this goal include:
 - *Connecting Classroom Learning to Family Faith Practices
Provide monthly family faith activities that reinforce classroom lessons.
Create take-home discussion guides and prayer experiences for families.
Encourage families to participate in seasonal faith practices during Advent, Lent, and Easter.
Offer parent formation sessions (quarterly to begin with) that equip parents as the primary educators of their children's faith.
Share weekly "Faith at Home" resources through email, social media, and parish bulletin.
 - *Strengthening Connections to the Liturgy
Help teachers align faith formation lessons with the liturgical year and Sunday Gospel readings.
Encourage regular Mass attendance through family challenges and reflection activities.

Provide opportunities for children and youth to serve as lectors, altar servers, greeters, choir members, and gift bearers.

Include prayer experiences, Eucharistic Adoration, and liturgical catechesis throughout the year.

***Expanding Service and Faith-in-Action Opportunities**

Organize parish-wide service projects tied to the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.

Connect service experiences directly to lessons and Catholic Social Teaching.

Develop age-appropriate service opportunities for children, youth, and families.

Incorporate reflection questions before and after service experiences.

Partner with local ministries and outreach organizations.

***Fostering Missionary Discipleship**

Incorporate witness talks from parishioners who live their faith in daily life.

Teach practical ways to share faith at home, school, work, and in the community.

Encourage youth and adults to identify personal gifts and ways to serve.

Emphasize that discipleship includes prayer, service, evangelization, and stewardship.

***Building Intergenerational Faith Formation**

Offer parish-wide formation events that bring together children, youth, parents, grandparents, and other adults such as expanding the Advent and Lent intergenerational events started last year.

Host seasonal retreats, family catechesis gatherings, and service days.

Celebrate faith stories and testimonies across generations.

***Create an Annual Formation Pathway**

Share a developed parish formation calendar that intentionally includes:

Learning (catechesis and formation sessions)

Prayer (liturgical and devotional experiences)

Community (fellowship and relationship-building)

Service (works of mercy and outreach)

Mission (evangelization and discipleship opportunities)

2. Develop and implement meaningful youth ministry opportunities on a quarterly basis that foster discipleship, community, prayer, service, and active participation in parish life. To accomplish this, I feel like we need to offer at least four youth ministry events or experiences annually (one per quarter) that engage middle school and high school youth in faith formation beyond the classroom setting that include prayer, fellowship, and faith-sharing. These opportunities will also provide service opportunities connected to the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. These opportunities will also encourage participation in our parish ministries, liturgical celebrations, and outreach programs.

Potential Quarterly Opportunities:

Quarter 1: Faith & Fellowship Night / Back-to-School Youth Kickoff

Quarter 2: Advent Service Project and Prayer Gathering

Quarter 3: Lenten Retreat or "Faith in Action" Service Day

Quarter 4: Summer Youth Mission Experience or Pilgrimage Day

New Initiative to be implemented in the upcoming year.
Quarterly Youth Ministry opportunities for grades 6-high school. (See above for an outline of how this might look utilizing people like Evie Yaden, Charlotte Tucker, Evan Gooch, etc.)

Mission-Focused Summary
I continue to work to create a more integrated faith formation experience that connects classroom learning, family involvement, liturgical participation, and service opportunities for all our students and families. Through retreats, sacramental preparation, family catechesis, youth ministry, and parish-wide formation events, I seek to foster a culture of missionary discipleship that encourages children, youth, and adults not only to learn about the Catholic faith but to actively live it through prayer, worship, service, and community engagement.