St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish

Approved Minutes

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

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

Members absent: Ken Cusick (2027), Deacon Stephen Bowling

Prayer*:* Father Jason

Approval of February and March minutes: Dennis Comella, seconded by Peggy Boone

Questions/Comments/Concerns

Bingo: Joker wild has still not gone out, still need volunteers

Landscaping/parking lot: Discussed opinions on rock, mulch; Hudson lane side is all new, some plants were saved in the front of the church, waiting until October to plant in other spaces because we have no irrigation system

Discover Our World students have been planting flowers, Mrs. Schad.

We feel we need money in the budget to clean up in the spring, trim in the fall. Might put sod near the front of the church to make more green space.

Parking concrete blocks have been pushed and is dangerous potentially.

Misc: Discussed being prepared for questions on Trump/Pope controversy

Parish Portal: Have updated Parish member data. Parish portal is close to having people be able to access their tax forms, (before the next tax cycle) also hopefully get the module that they can keep track of their safety training. Might start keeping track of sacraments, but will need to pick a year and then go forward.

Becoming Catholic: When people display interest in becoming Catholic, have them speak with Father Jason or Kathy Abell, and decide the best path forward. If people are taking

communion, no need to confront or remedy, might make the former aware so it can be addressed appropriately and respectfully

Membership drive: two positions on Parish and two positions on financial; Father will be announcing and interested parties should reach out to him

Provided today on agenda: Updated calendar, with meeting dates for both Parish and Finance

Rectory Update:

- We reviewed the plans, they look good, with one key change being closing in the 2nd floor loft area for private space
- We will now go to two bidders and hopefully get something built. They are working the plans for the basement, which will have additional bedrooms; they were waiting to see if we like first floor plans.
- Hope to get one of the two new priests next year

Possible Action items?

*Idea to open it up to parishioners that have businesses to donate materials. They will get the contact of the contractor/builder (do not go through Father)

*Have to demo old house, maybe reach out to firehouse and see if they could do a controlled burn as a training exercise?

Easter Sunday, Easter Vigil Review

- Beautiful, very successful, 1900 people at vigil and Sunday masses
- New this year Passion of the Christ in church Wednesday of Holy Week, had about 30 people, would be nice to continue tradition each year

Parish planning process

- Council agreed it felt like it was sort of "dropped" on us in the Courier Journal, though still not "official"
- Next step is the dean, and then priests will have a discussion (deanery meeting)

Prayer: Father Jason Harris

Minutes submitted by Heather Skinner