



Minutes of the Meeting
December 3, 2025

Members Present: Rev. Gabriel Baltes, OSB
Doug Becker, Chair
Steve Antonini
Nora English
Jennifer Hantsch
John Jelinek
John Turley

Matthew Krumdrick
Deacon Jack Hayes
Dana Hengstler
Gina Santori (video)

Absent: Lori Trinche
Brad Vaupel

Jacqueline Skelly
Corey Humphreys

Guests Present: Matt Zurek

I. Opening

Evening prayer began at 7:05 p.m., and was led by John Jelinek. The meeting began at 7:15 p.m.

II. Old Business

- A. Minutes of October 7th were approved.
- B. Adoration Schedule – Doug reminded everyone to please make arrangements for a substitute if they are unable to attend their scheduled Adoration time.
- C. Finance Update – Lori Trinche was unable to attend tonight’s meeting but provided an update via email to Doug Becker. An “Ad” was put into the weekend Bulletin (below the November Offertory Numbers section) letting Parishioners know that they switch to online giving and eliminating envelopes thereby saving the Parish money and saving trees. Each unused set will save the Parish \$6.21. Lori was able to work with OSV to reduce the cost of printing and mailing out offering envelopes which will save the Parish a little money.
- D. School Board – No report at this time. Corey was unable to attend

- E. Ministries – Matthew Krumdrick talked about the wrapping up of fall Alpha and that OCIA was starting this weekend. The bulletin has some very nice comments from the participants of Alpha. Advent Alpha is also starting. We are in week two of the “Advent Alph-Style” Tuesday night series. Movie night for The Triumph of the Heart about Maximilian Kolbe was a great success. There were about 50 attendees and it really encourages a sense of community with our parishioners. This Sunday is the Impact Event – The Chosen Holy Night. Matthew and Alex are working together on presenting this event. It should be a fun evening! In January, we will be running the six-week Sycamore adult faith series on Monday nights. This is a gentle, conversational program ideal for those looking to reconnect with the basics of faith.
- F. Ministries – Guest Speaker Matt Zurek. Matt shared with us all the amazing work he and the church have been doing through Outreach Ministries. He gave the council update on what is happening with Pads, Food Drives, Blessings in a Bag, Baby Supply Drive, Earthmatters, Coat Drive (we collected 900 coats to distribute), Port Ministries, SVDP, Bombas, Magi Tree, ProLife Ministries, Car Wish List, Dorothy Day Guild, and DayBreak of Lisle.

III. Pastor’s Update

- A. Father announced that Lori Trinche has given her notice and will be leaving us at the beginning of January. There will be a job posting with the Diocese.
- B. Jim Susic wanted to share with everyone that the SJA children will be signing at the Lights of Lisle this Saturday, Dec. 6th. Please come out and listen to our children sing!
- C. Chesterton Academy will be performed this Friday, Dec 5th at 6:30pm for the Advent Lessons & Carols.
- D. Denise Petty is looking for volunteers to assist with the January 4th Epiphany Dinner. Please let us know if you or someone you know would be available to help.
- E. Volunteer Receptionist – we are looking for volunteers to help at our front office desk. It was proposed that we find someone to assist from 9am to 1am. Dana confirmed with Rubi that having a volunteer for these hours would be very helpful to her.
- F. Annual Giving Summaries – Father announced that this year we would like make the Annual Giving Summaries available for pickup by the parishioners on a Sunday in late January. We are looking for volunteers to assist with the distribution.

G. Last, we are looking for additional volunteers to serve as Greeters at the weekend Masses.

IV. New Business – MAKE

The Council discussed at length the MAKE programs, the Diocese expectations regarding MAKE, and what might be best for our Parish. Father, Deacon Jack, Matthew and Doug attending a MAKE Diocese meeting on December 3rd.

It was recommended that the Council take the time to read Bishop Hick's MAKE Pastoral Letter and pray on it.

Matthew spoke to the Council about ReBuilt.

Rebuilt is a Catholic parish renewal model based on the transformation of Church of the Nativity in Timonium, MD, led by Fr. Michael White and Tom Corcoran. Its focus is improving the weekend experience so that parishioners and visitors feel welcomed, engaged, and more likely to return and grow in discipleship.

Rather than starting with surveys or leadership structures, Rebuilt emphasizes practical, visible changes such as hospitality, clear communication, message series, volunteer involvement, and vibrant children's ministry. The guiding principle is that "making church matter" begins with the Sunday encounter, and that small, intentional improvements create momentum and trust across the parish.

Rebuilt resources include the books Rebuilt, Tools for Rebuilding, Rebuilding Your Message, Church Money, and Rebuilding Youth Ministry, providing step-by-step guidance for implementing pastoral, communication, and operational changes that support evangelization.

The Council decided that it would be a good idea to invite Father Max from St. Margaret Mary Parish visit and discuss with us his experience using Amazing Parish.

V. Next Meetings

The council agreed to add a new meeting to schedule in January. The proposed date is January 14th. The council would like to see if Father Max Behna of St. Margaret Mary Parish can attend the meeting to share with the council his experience and success with Amazing Parish.

V. Closing Prayer

The meeting ended at 9:00 p.m. Father Gabriel led the Council in the closing prayer.

Official Prayer of Make:

*Ever-loving God, maker of all good things,
You made us in your image and called us through baptism*

*Give us now the grace to be made into your disciples,
And grant that in being so made, we will do as you commanded
To go and make other disciples as we catechize, evangelize
And put our faith into action.
Through the intercession of our patron, St. Francis Xavier,
St. Joseph, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints,
We humbly make our prayer. Amen.*