

APPROVED MINUTES

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA PASTORAL COUNCIL JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

January 6, 2026

AT-LARGE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: John Bedel Judi Blank, Mickey Disbennett, Mike Essen, Alan Gerken, Karen Hultquist, Brian Linneman Jim Macke, Greg Niehaus, Dennis Wiwi

AT-LARGE MEMBERS ABSENT: Bridget Eichhold, Gina Leranath

CLERGY IN ATTENDANCE: Fr. Andrew Umberg

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Angie Heisel, Nancy Brunemann

CALL TO ORDER: President Mike Essen

OPENING PRAYER: Brian Linneman

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS PASTORAL COUNCIL (PC) MEETING MINUTES:

- Karen Hultquist made a motion to approve the November, 2025 meeting PC minutes. She was seconded by Dennis Wiwi. Motion passed unanimously.
- Due to inclement weather, the December Pastoral Council meeting was cancelled.

NEW BUSINESS:

1 School Update given by Angie Heisel:

- **School Security:** Effective 1/6/2026, the School now employs a new security team consisting of 3 recently retired Cincinnati police officers. One officer at a time will be on duty from 8am-4pm each day that school is in session. It is believed that St. Ignatius is one of the first elementary schools in the area to employ an armed security team. The school recently raised \$20,000 on Giving Tuesday which was used to fund the security. Ongoing funding will need to be included in the normal annual budget from hereon out.
- **Enhanced Communications:** The administration is working to secure radio communications with Green Township. The township office is aware of the school's recent security team addition.
- **Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO):** The current tax regulations in the State of Ohio allow for each taxpayer to make a contribution to a private school through a qualified SGO of up to \$750/person for a single filer or \$1500 for a couple filing as joint filers...St Ignatius is currently accepting these contributions until April 15, 2026. Please consult a tax professional to see if you qualify.
- **Catholic Schools Week:** This event happens the last week of January. The school is currently accepting enrollment for the upcoming school year. It is expected that enrollment will increase slightly or hold steady for the 2026-2027 school year.

PASTOR'S REMARKS:

- **Upcoming Pastor Policy regarding Church Attendance:** Fr. Umberg provided some very informative comments/details regarding church history as it relates to Mass attendance by

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parishioners. He is currently giving serious consideration to issuing an update to the St. Ignatius church attendance policy for the parents of all school children attending the school.

- **2025 Christmas Celebration:** Fr. indicated that the celebration of the Christmas season was successful and was very well received by the St. Ignatius community. He completed and installed the first of 5 antependias that he is planning to create for the altar as the church seasons change.
- **Fish Fry in Jeopardy:** With the Lenten season quickly approaching, planning for the Fish Fry comes front and center. Unfortunately, the Parish no longer has an individual (or team of people) to assume this planning function. As a result, unless someone comes forward to handle this function in the very near future, there will be NO fish fry at St. Ignatius during the upcoming season of Lent. Please contact the Parish Center if you know of anyone who is interested/willing to take on this task.
- **Construction Update:** Fr. indicated that construction of additional structures at St. Ignatius are still being considered. Further details will be provided at a later date.
- **Ministry Openings:** The group discussed the possibility of showcasing the various Parish Ministry opportunities during upcoming donut Sunday events. This would give newcomers, and current parishioners a chance to get acquainted with the Parish Ministry life.
- **Additional Parish Center Updates:** The parish is looking to hire an Executive Secretary to assist Fr. Umberg with his many projects. In addition, this individual will work to understand all Parish Center jobs.
 - Fr. Umberg continues to evaluate appropriate office staffing levels as people leave or assume new roles.

NEW BUSINESS: Judi Blank introduced concerns about cultural issues vs. Church teachings.

NEXT MEETING: February 10, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the School Library

CLOSING PRAYER: Dennis Wiwi

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Brunemann
Pastoral Council Recording Secretary