

Christian Service Commission Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2026

PRESENT: Denise Brady, Ray Busuttil, John Michniak, Toni Sheffield, Terri Thor

ABSENT: Marsha Goode, Susan Harrison, Maria Potter, Sandy Rogala

Meeting opened with prayer at 1:00PM

Denise Brady moved to have the Minutes of the November 2025 meeting were approved; this was seconded by Terri Thor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Blood Drive

Maria absent but next Blood Drive is on Sunday February 8th

Funeral Lunch

Things are going well. She can always use more donated desserts. Only one “issue” came up since our last meeting. At one recent FL the family wanted to serve after they went to the cemetery (which was Parkview, so it wasn’t far away and wouldn’t take long to return for lunch). One attendee (a parishioner) complained that they weren’t able to eat lunch right after the funeral. It was explained to her that we honor the family’s wishes, and their wishes were to eat after they went to the cemetery. This complaint had never been made before but there’s a first time for everything! The person in question wasn’t happy with that answer, but stayed for the luncheon, which commenced quite soon after the initial complaint was made, once the family returned from Parkview.

Knights of Columbus

The annual Christmas party was phenomenal; the best one yet with approximately 200 people attending; this included 60+ children who visited Santa and each received a gift. Special thanks to Ray & Josette Busuttil who shop for and wrap all the gifts! Tom Costello provided all the food and Wayne Kinney rocked out as only Wayne can. Special thanks to both of them. There were several trays of food left over that Tom took down to the Pope Francis Center the following day.

Coats for Kids monetary collection will be held the weekend of January 10/11 after each Mass. Chili Cook Off will be held on January 25 after 11:00 Mass.

Four to Six Knights will assist the schools Music Trivia Night in February and they plan to help with the Easter Egg Hunt again this year.

The Knights provided Heather with a new light on the piano which was warmly received.

St Vincent DePaul

Neither Susan nor Marsha were able to attend but both reported that they've helped 23 cases with approximately 43 people total over the past two months. Many of these cases were "twinning" with other StVdP chapters and most were related to housing.

Gospel of Life

Sandy was absent but provided this report: The annual AAA Pregnancy Resource Center Bottle Drive Campaign has reached \$11,824. There are still about 70 bottles not returned from the 400. The K of C ASAP Program will be donating \$400 bringing the total to \$12,424 the largest amount ever collected. Another bottle came in during the Christmas holidays and was not included in this total.

March 8, 2026 will be the annual RTL/Lifespan Baby Shower

Holiday Outreach

Christmas Outreach went very well. Parishioners were very generous again this year. We were able to help 7 charities with gifts and gift cards of local grocery stores, gas stations, and hardware stores. Our hard-working sort and pack volunteers met on December 16 and did an amazing job of sorting all the donations by charity. A special thanks to Dave and Chantal Kalinowski for keeping track of all gifts turned in and Terri Thor and Michelle Kuczmarski who delivered gifts to one of the groups. Most of the other gifts were picked up that week by the other charities themselves.

Parish Council

-Restructuring process of the Archdiocese is progressing. More information in the coming months.

- Additional lighting in the back parking lot is being looked into.
- Finance Council is finalizing plans for handicap buttons for the bathroom doors.

Meeting ended with prayer at 1:40PM.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 12th at 1:00

Respectfully submitted by Toni Sheffield